

## Studies in Romans

Chapter 8:1-11 Review

Chapter 8:12-17 Mortification of Sin

Review:

Romans 1-3:20 defines fully our sinfulness and need of a Saviour.

3:21-31 states the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus and the humility that should come to those so blessed.

4:1-25 amplifies and defines further the doctrine of justification by faith using the faith and justification of David and Abraham as an examples.

5:1-11 declares the benefits of our justification.

5:12-21 teaches that through Adam's disobedience, we all died. Through the obedience of Christ, all His people are made righteous. This passage reviews the surpassing blessings of Christ.

6:1-23 states the theology of why sin does not have dominion over us and strong exhortations for us to give our whole selves to righteousness living.

7:1-25 We are dead to the law and married to Christ; the law clearly shows us our sin; Paul declares warring of flesh and spirit in himself.

8:1-11 Provision to walk in the Spirit

This Lesson:

- I. What is it to mortify sin? What blessings attend those being sanctified? V12-13
- II. What assistance do we have in seeking to mortify sin?

Reference	Notations
<p><b>Rom 8:5-12 NKJV</b> <b>(12)</b> Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <b>(13)</b> For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <b>(14)</b> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <b>(15)</b> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." <b>(16)</b> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <b>(17)</b> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with <i>Him</i>, that we may also be glorified together.</p>	

John Owen says that mortification of sin is to life as a means is to an end. He says this is NOT a cause and effect as if we had earned life for “the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” “...be killing sin or it will be killing you.” p.9

Every un-mortified sin will certainly do two things: -- [1.] It will weaken the soul, and deprive it of its vigour. [2.] It will darken the soul, and deprive it of its comfort and peace. P22

What assistance do all of us saints have who set out to mortify sin?

1. Jesus Christ has redeemed us from all our sins and the curse of the law. 3:24
2. We are justified by faith in the blood sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. 3:24
3. The Lord is our propitiation concerning the wrath of God through in His blood. 3:25
4. We are humbled in that our salvation is by faith and not by works. 3:27
5. Because we are justified, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 5:1
6. By faith we stand in grace. 5:2
7. The love of God has been poured out in our hearts. 5:5
8. Christ died for us while we were sinners; we shall be saved from wrath and we shall be saved by His life. 5:8-10
9. We have been privileged to rejoice in God because we have been reconciled to Him.
10. We have died to sin in in penalty, punishment, and power (*and soon to come, its presence*), and therefore we are freed from it. 6:2, 7, 11, 18
11. We are in union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection 6:3-5
12. Our old man was crucified with Him that the body of sin might be done away. 6:6
13. We are going to live with Him. In fact, we are alive with Him now. 6:8, 11; 8:11
14. Sin will not have dominion over us because we are not under law, but under grace. 6:14; 7:6
15. We must remember that the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. 6:23
16. We are married to the Lord Jesus. Why would we want to give ourselves to an adulterous sin? 7:4
17. We shall have great battles with sin in this life just as the Apostle Paul once had, but we thank God that Jesus Christ will deliver us from the body of this death. 7:14-25
18. There is no condemnation for us who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 8:1
19. Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death because he condemned sin in the flesh. 8:2
20. The Lord has fulfilled the righteous requirements of the law for us and now we can walk with Christ, keeping his commands, by the assistance and guidance of His Spirit that dwells in us, giving us life and peace. 8:4, 5, 6, 9, 11
21. Christ lives within us by faith through His Spirit. 8:10
22. We remember that on the one hand, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 8:10
23. The Spirit who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the power He works in us. 8:11
24. We are not in bondage to the fear of the law and death, but we are children of God who by His Spirit cry out, “Abba, Father.”
25. We must remember that we are those blessed with all the promises of the remainder of this chapter, this book and all the Scriptures, procured by the death, burial, resurrection, and intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions:

1. The command to mortify the deeds of the body in 8:13 is reiteration of what commands in chapter 6?
2. What dangers lie in the path of one who sets out upon mortification of sin without remembering what has been taught previously in the book of Romans?
3. Compare and contrast the motivations of fear and of love in the mortification of sin?