

June 10th 2007 The Holy Spirit:----The Senior Partner: Romans 8:

In preparing.....I must admit.....surprised to see.....how much Romans 8 contains

Its also interesting to note.....that in verses 28-39 →no mention....**Yet**....1-27 →19x's

The reason for that.....verses 1-27 present Xtians.....with a most vital question
...and an even more vital answer

• **the Question**→

How can sinful man.....even.... been justified.....live a life....pleases

• **This question in no way conflicts.....wonderful proclamation made in 8:1**

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”

This verse gives me such joy....**everytime** I conduct a funeral.....for a believer

Because I know....whatever they have done.....**They** now stand before

***The law of sin and death.....has no power to change...the eternal standing....of the one
..whose life is hidden in Christ Jesus***

• **Any ex Boys Brigade**.....Will recall the chorus to our hymn.....based on Hebrews 6:19

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul, Steadfast and sure while the billows roll
Fastened to the rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love***

If it were not for Jesus Christ of course.....there would not be **even one**

.who could ever do enough...to satisfy God's standards

→**God's laws for man's behaviour**.....summarised....10 commandments...**condemn**

But as Paul says in Romans 8:3—4...

***“For what the law was powerless to do(it could not save anyone--→WHY.??) because it was
weakened by the sinful nature (ours !!!.....bias towards sin in each of us) God did by
sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering.”***

So it's True

The person who truly belongs.....does not have to keep God's law to be saved

Butbecause we are saved.....Because God has welcomed us into.....family
We have both this moral obligation.....to live a life that pleases Him
And an emotional desire to do so.....**because** if we love Him.....want to please Him

*(When I was at primary school.....wasn't a very good student:.....:Headmistress.....
wanted to please so much.....)*

The problem is however.....that we are still human beings...**Still** prone to sin....
Inherent weaknesses

Our sinful nature.....hangs around our necks.....**We are** always fighting to overcome it

(like a swimmer.....trying to swim whilst wearing heavy clothes and boots.....)

- **Paul puts our predicament across best in Rom 7: 14—25**

Just a couple of those verses from the Message....gives us a good idea. v21-24

“It happens so regularly that it’s predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God’s commands, but it’s pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. I’ve tried everything and nothing helps. I’m at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn’t that the real question?”

- **So in fact we’ve returned.....that Question.....Rom 8:1-27 raises**

HOW CAN SINFUL MAN.....EVEN.....PLEASE A HOLY AND ALMIGHTY GOD

- **And the very vital answer.....this passage gives**
BY THE INDWELLING POWER OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

Look at 8:5 *“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”*

9. *“You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”*

12. *“Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God, are sons of God.”*

What Paul is saying..... is that becoming a Christians means.....receiving the Spirit
And if we are prepared to allow the Spirit.....to lead us.....empower us.....pray for us
Then we will begin to live.....on a higher level.....

We will feel increasingly more in tune with God.....**That** we are honouring Him more
Our joy in the things of the Lord will increase.....**Feel** more part of His family

This is God's plan for our lives now.....He gives us the Spirit.....**to be the senior Partner**

What this means in practical terms.....best be explained through a story

(A young man is given a job.....unexpectedly & undeservedly....in this huge corporation
He is introduced to the owner.....by the owners son

We are a family.....and we will treat you as a son.....which means

- **However** we want you to reach the high standards we set
It will please us.....and will make working here.....a really joyful exp
- **So we have appointed** our Senior partner to constantly be with you
He won't be pushy.....but he will always be with you.....
- **If you ask Him** He will help you.....and he can do everything
He will tell you when you are doing something wrong....**and will** steer you towards...
But it will be up to you...what notice you take of him

So the young man is introduced.....and he likes him straight away
He is full of joy.....gentleness.....love...patience.....**A man** you want to be with

- **Then the young... starts work.....**immediately there's a job not sure
At first he goes at it.....makes a mess.....**Then he turns to the Partner**
And soon he realises that his best work.....when he turns first to Partner

There are other times when the Partner gently shows him.....doing something wrong
And also times.....when the Partner whispers an idea in his ear.....

- **After a few weeks**.....the young man knows.....**that when he leans** upon the Partner ..**life** and work may still have its good and bad times.....**but there's** a feeling of joy...victory

- **And he also discovered**.....that not only was he himself..... asking the owner for the things...

But the Partner presented pleads on his behalf...that were so earnest....always right...granted

In fact.....sometimes he himself put a request in.....**that was not granted(holidays)**
Because....**he later discovered**.....the Partner had requested that no holidays)

That's the story...

- **The reality is that evry Christian is that young man**...Coming to the father by

And into each life.....the HS enters.....to be the **Senior Partner**

Are you listening to Him...Is He the Senior Partner in your life.....Sundays..Mondays....
are you following Him.....trusting Him?

Crazy if you're not

Songs for Sunday

456 Hymnal **tune Finlandia** **3 verses**

Baptist 61 **Immortal Invisible** **5 verses**

blue 451 **Father we love you**
Grey 25 **Jesus what a beautiful name**
Blue 98 **Spirit of the living God**

Yellow 644 **We have a Redeemer**