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Romans: Rooted in Jesus Spirit of Life

Romans 8:1-17

Questions and Discussion:

1. Compare some passages: Romans 5:16-17; 6:5-8, 22; 7:4-6; 8:2-4. These passages share a teaching about our old life and family with our new life and family. What is that teaching? Summarize Paul's ongoing thought.
2. Paul speaks of the "law of the Spirit of life," and "the law of sin and death." How is he using the word "law"? Read on. Consider words like these: walk according to, live according to, set the mind on, and submit to. How do these phrases shape the word "law"? We were bound to sin and death, but now we are bound to the Spirit of life. How is the apostle speaking about the presence of the Spirit?
3. Notice in verse two, the source of this transfer from death to life. All of this comes to us by Christ. Why is it important to see our justification and our sanctification as rooted in the ministry of Christ?
4. Verse four is pivotal. Here Paul says that the righteous requirement of the law is fulfilled in us, which speaks of our justification, but he continues, saying, "who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit," which speaks of our sanctification. Not only are we declared righteous by Christ, but we are sanctified by him through the Spirit. Reflect on this. God isn't just declaring you righteous, he's making you righteous.
5. Paul says of us, "Who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit," v.4. Is this a command or a statement? How does that shape our interpretation of vv.5-9?
6. This passage speaks of the confidence that we can have in Christ finishing his work of making us holy. How does the text speak of that hope?
7. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you today? How has your view of Christ changed?