

Gaining A Greater Grasp On The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

Finding Focus, Freedom, & Fruitfulness: Allowing God's Spirit to Saturate Our Lives

—from Romans 8 with support from Ephesians 1 & 5

—from **Ephesians 5**: 1–2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. 6–10 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. 15–21 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And don't get drunk with wine, for that is rebellion, **but be filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

IMPORTANT IDEAS INCLUDED IN TODAY'S STUDY

Every passage throughout the entire Bible is God's Word & therefore, is _____ to our _____ to God!

But, Romans 8 _____ several _____

& _____ truths about the _____

& _____ from sin that we experience

when God's Spirit _____ our individual lives !

—Romans 8:9–16 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed (*since*) the Spirit of God lives in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, this person does not belong to Him. 10 But if (since) Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 Moreover since the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit who lives in you. 12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if with help from the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery leading again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit that we are God's children..

—A RAPID REVIEW to get everyone on the same page:

Romans 8 =

—written to two groups/categories of people:

—Some were **professing** believers who were led by fleshly desires!

—Others were **possessing** believers who were filled with the Spirit!

—Paul was exhorting & encouraging them with the Gospel message!

—6 absolutes that summarize Romans 8 in context:

—1) No condemnation for faithful followers

—2) No longer children of wrath, but now children of God

—3) God's guarantee = His seal of ownership & pledge of possession

—4) No threat to God's authority = His perfect system of justice

—5) No thwart = nothing can stop God's plans & purposes

—6) No separation for faithful followers from God's love

—4 truths that introduce our FOCUS on the FILLING of God’s Spirit:

- 1) The Lord Jesus Christ died as our Substitute & paid for our sin!
- 2) Christ was raised from the dead by the power of the Spirit.
- 3) This same Spirit sets us free from slavery due to our sin.
- 4) This same Spirit enters into our lives to make us God’s children!
We are God’s adopted sons and daughters, not His slaves!

**—What Does It Mean To Be FILLED With The Spirit?
—or—
—What Spirit is CONTROLLING You?**

—1— Without God’s help, no one canour sin nature!

—2— God’s Spirit initiatesbyus!

—3— The Holy Spirit’s ministry in our lives includes:

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—**CHAOS & CONFUSION**

—4— **A CONCLUDING COMMENT (we can’t afford to ignore!)**

Being FILLED with the Spirit means