

TRUTH UNASHAMED

Part 3: The New way

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Week 2

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 8:5-11

This weeks reading challenge:

- If you didn't do this in September or October, re-read all of Romans chapters one through seven. You can find the time!
- Romans 8:1-11

This weeks memory challenge: Romans 8:5

Study and Reflection

Day 1. Think of a time (or times) when you ignored wise advice and had to face the consequence. What did you learn from this experience?

Read Proverbs 12:15. What is it about us that makes us think we know - on our own - all we need to know and what is best?

Is there a specific way God is calling you to listen to Him right now? Prayerfully write out as much about this as you are able, and then commit this to prayer going forward. If you need to share this with a wise and trusted Christian friend, then seek out how to do this!

Day 2. Read Romans 8:4-8 Based on our study through Romans, and other scripture you may know, respond to these questions:

- What is the core desire of our "flesh?" What does this look like in your life?
- What is the core desire of God's Spirit within us? How do you see this work of the Spirit in your life?

What does it look like (be honest and specific!) to 'live according to the flesh' in your life? Remember, this doesn't necessarily mean 'sins' or morally negative actions, although it could.

In contrast to the above, what does it look like to 'live in accordance with the Spirit'? Again, what are the specific ways you see this in your life? This is a huge concept that we will more fully address next week.

Day 3. Read Romans 8:9-11. There is a concept here Paul states five different ways. What is this?

In verse 11, in two of these statements, how does Paul describe the ‘Spirit of Him who lives in you?’ Why is this so significant?

In these verses we see a promise of what is true NOW, and a promise of what will be fully true one day. What are these promises, and how is God, by His Spirit who lives in you, using these truths in your life?

☞ *Notes from Sermon Outline* ☞

† *A faulty assumption*

† *The Spirit and the flesh!* Romans 8:4-5

† *A matter of mindset.* Romans 8:6-8

The mind set on the flesh

Is DEATH

Is HOSTILE to God

CANNOT submit to God

Cannot PLEASE God

The mind set on the Spirit

Is LIFE and PEACE!

† *The Believers reality... really!* Romans 8:9

- We BELONG to Christ. Romans 7:4-6
- We POSSESS the Spirit of Christ.
- The Spirit of God DWELLS in us.
- Therefore, the flesh is NOT our home!

† *The great promise of already and not yet.* Romans 8:10-11