

The “Delivered Life”

Intro: Our text is Romans 8:1-17. At the conclusion of chapter 7, Paul concludes that what Christ did in dying for his sins is the only thing that helped him with belief about himself that he was a “wretched” person. Given this sense of deliverance, he now describes how the life of a delivered person should look. In other words, how does an “uncondemned” person live.

1. He lives “according to the Spirit”. Roman 8:1-5
 - A. A life that appears to be “set free” from death.
 - B. A life that could only be lived through what Christ has done.
 - C. A life that is “set” on living in the Spirit.

2. He lives with a different attitude toward the draw of the “fleshly” life. Romans 8:6-11
 - A. It’s clear - That life brings death as opposed to what the Spirit brings.
 - B. It’s clear - That life makes me an enemy of God.
 - C. It’s clear - That life cannot please God.
 - D. It’s clear - That life is death because it is about sin, not righteousness.

3. He lives like a man with a debt. Romans 8:12-17
 - A. We owe nothing to the flesh. Why would we?
 - B. We owe everything to our adopted father.
 - C. We are so indebted to our loving father that we will suffer with him so we can be like he is.

Conclusion: Think of the convicted killer who lives on “death row”. He is often called a “dead man walking”. He is a man who lives daily with weight of the sin that got him the death penalty. In contrast, we should live like the murderer who has been pardoned and released from prison. God has done the same thing for us. Why wouldn’t we want to live like he wants us to live: A life led by his Spirit.