

SERMON MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 26/27, 2019

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PILGRIM

Empowered by the Spirit of Life

Romans 8:1-13 (p. 965)

THE MAIN POINT → The Holy Spirit has the power to conquer the _____
_____. (Gal. 5:16)

WE ACCESS IT BY ...

1. _____ in Jesus' provision. (8:1; Rom. 6:23)

THE TRUTH → God will always treat you as His _____ and
never as His _____. (1 John 2:1-2)

2. _____ our spiritual freedom. (8:2-3)

THE TRUTH → Jesus' death destroyed _____ of us.
(Rom. 6:6-7)

3. _____ the Spirit's influence. (8:3-13)

THE TRUTH → Power comes to those who _____ to the Spirit's _____.
(Eph. 5:18)

- _____ thoughts with truth. (8:5-8)
- _____ the truth. (8:9-11; 2 Cor. 4:16)
- _____ the truth. (8:12-13)

OUR RESPONSIBILITY → _____ from sinful deeds.
(Col. 3:8-9)

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FROM JANUARY 26/27, 2019 SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together.

CONNECTING

1. What's one highlight from the past week?

GROWING

2. We access the Spirit's power, and thus begin and continue to grow spiritually, when we first rest in Jesus' provision. Why does it all start with resting? (8:1)

3. Why is it so important that we remind ourselves that we are spiritually free from the power of sin? What happens when we do this? What happens when we don't? (8:2)

4. Three biblical ways are given in the message for to how to live under the Spirit's influence. Which one is most significant for you and your walk with Christ right now? Why?

SHARING

5. What is one practical thing you can to do apply this message, and for which your group can support you in prayer and encouragement?

Pilgrim Week 4 Memory Verse

*"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.
And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit
has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death."*

Romans 8:1-2 (NLT)

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

THE MAIN POINT: The Holy Spirit has the power to conquer the **influence of the sin nature**.
(Gal. 5:16)

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh." Galatians 5:16

WE ACCESS IT BY ...

1. **Resting** in Jesus' provision. (8:1; Rom. 6:23)

"... the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23

THE TRUTH: God will always treat you as His **forgiven child** and never as His **defiant enemy**.
(1 John 2:1-2)

"... And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins;" 1 John 2:1-2

2. **Acknowledging** our spiritual freedom. (8:2-3)

THE TRUTH: Jesus' death destroyed **sin's enslavement** of us. (Rom. 6:6-7)

"... our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin." Romans 6:6-7

3. **Living under** the Spirit's influence. (8:3-13)

THE TRUTH: Power comes to those who **yield** to the Spirit's **control**. (Eph. 5:18)

"... And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit;"
Ephesians 5:18

- **Feeding our** thoughts with truth. (8:5-8)

- **Personalizing** the truth. (8:9-11; 2 Cor. 4:16)

"... though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day." 2
Corinthians 4:16

- **Practicing** the truth. (8:12-13)

OUR RESPONSIBILITY: **Separate ourselves** from sinful deeds. (Col. 3:8-9)

"... put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices." Colossians 3:8-9