

Sermon Supplement from April 13

“From Condemnation to Transformation” – Romans 8:1-4

WARM UP

- What feelings and emotions does the word “condemnation” conjure in you? Why?

DIG IN

Verses 1-2 | You Have Been Set Free from Condemnation

- Why do you think so many Christians struggle with feeling condemned by God?
- What happens when we live in fear of condemnation?
- What would change if we really grasped this truth?
- Why do you think Paul calls the Holy Spirit the “Spirit of LIFE” in verse 2?
- What does it mean to be set free or liberated? What are we liberated FROM? What are we liberated FOR? Who are we liberated BY? Why does it matter? (See also 2 Corinthians 3:17)
- What strikes you as you review the list of “The Ministry of the Holy Spirit” (*on back*)

Verses 3-4 | You Have Been Empowered for Transformation

- According to verse 3, what does the Incarnation and Substitutionary Atonement of Jesus have to do with our transformation? (See also 1 Peter 2:24 and 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- Read verses 3-4 and talk about how all three members of the Trinity are involved in your transformation? How does that change your perspective?
- In the New Testament, the phrase “walk by the Spirit” is used as both a fact and a command. It is both a REALITY and a RESPONSIBILITY. Why is this understanding important?
- How does Galatians 5:16-25 help you better understand walking by the Spirit?

WRAP UP

- Share some specific ways that the information you learned in this study changes the way you think, feel, and/or act?

Next Week – Resurrection Life | John 11:1-4

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Christian

I. Salvation & Regeneration

- Convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment – *John 16:8*
- Regenerates (gives new birth) – *John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5*
- Indwells believers – *Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19*
- Seals believers for redemption – *Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30*
- Baptizes believers into the Body of Christ – *1 Corinthians 12:13*
- Guarantees our inheritance – *Ephesians 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:5*

II. Identity & Adoption

- Testifies that we are children of God – *Romans 8:16*
- Leads to adoption as sons/daughters – *Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6*
- Cries out 'Abba, Father' through us – *Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:15*

III. Sanctification & Spiritual Growth

- Sanctifies the believer – *2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2*
- Produces the fruit of the Spirit – *Galatians 5:22-23*
- Empowers us to put sin to death – *Romans 8:13*
- Leads and guides the believer – *Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18*
- Transforms us into the image of Christ – *2 Corinthians 3:18*
- Teaches and reminds us of Christ's words – *John 14:26*
- Strengthens the inner being – *Ephesians 3:16*
- Fills the believer – *Ephesians 5:18; Acts 13:52*

IV. Empowerment for Ministry

- Gives spiritual gifts – *1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Romans 12:6-8*
- Distributes gifts as He wills – *1 Corinthians 12:11*
- Empowers for bold witness – *Acts 1:8; 4:31*
- Provides words in times of persecution – *Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12*
- Calls and sends into ministry – *Acts 13:2-4*
- Grants wisdom and discernment – *1 Corinthians 2:10-14*

V. Prayer & Worship

- Helps us in our weakness – *Romans 8:26*
- Intercedes for us with groanings – *Romans 8:26-27*
- Leads us to worship in Spirit and truth – *John 4:24; Philippians 3:3*
- Enables prayer and thanksgiving – *Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20*

VI. Fellowship & Unity

- Unites believers into one body – *1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:3-4*
- Fosters love and fellowship among believers – *Philippians 2:1; 2 Corinthians 13:14*
- Builds up the body through each member – *Ephesians 4:11-13*

VII. Assurance & Encouragement

- Gives assurance of salvation – *Romans 8:16; 1 John 3:24; 4:13*
- Comforts and encourages – *Acts 9:31; John 14:16*
- Gives hope through His presence – *Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:5*

VIII. Revelation & Truth

- Reveals truth and the mind of God – *John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10*
- Inspires Scripture – *2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16*
- Glorifies Christ and makes Him known – *John 16:14*