

SUPERNATURAL LIVING IN A SECULAR WORLD

LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR WALK

ROMANS 8:1-10



The Heart of the Matter

The old saying goes, "It's always darkest before the dawn." Those words summarize the transition from the darkness of Romans 7 to the light of Romans 8. God not only rescues us from sin, but He also gives promises of assurance. Romans 8 offers great news: the victorious Christian life is possible through the power of Him who lives within us. The secret lies in allowing God's Spirit to take control and change us from within.



Discovering the Way

1. A Review of the Struggle (Romans 7:15, 18, 22-24)

A constant struggle with sin rages in all of us, often resulting in weariness, hopelessness, and feelings of being trapped and condemned. However, Romans 7:25 reveals that God can bring relief from this wretched condition.

2. A View of the Believer before God (Romans 8:1-4)

Believers in Christ are no longer under condemnation. In fact, God's Spirit does for believers what we could not do for ourselves. Believers are eternally secure in Christ; we are internally free from sin's dominion and fear of death; and we are righteous in our position before God.

3. The Contrast between Flesh and Spirit (Romans 8:5-10)

How we think determines how we walk—either according to the flesh or according to the Spirit.



Starting Your Journey

In response to Romans 8:1-10, three practical statements say it all. First, a life lived without Christ leads to emptiness. Second, a life lived in the energy of the flesh centers on self. Third, a life lived with the Spirit in control reminds us of grace.



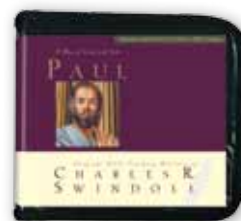
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