

Union Chapel M.B. Church

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“The Holy Spirit’s Authority”

*(Study Material from Theology You Can Count On)*

Someone has said that the Christian life is not a matter of our ability, but our availability. The ability is all from above, made real to us in our day-by-day lives by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Romans 6-8 shows how Christians are set apart by the Spirit to a spiritually victorious experience.

Experiencing the Holy Spirit’s authority to enable us to live a victorious Christian life (Rom 8); Rom 6-7 lays the foundation. The Holy Spirit’s authority becomes clear when we understand our identity and our problem of the old life.

**I. YOUR NEW IDENTITY (ROMANS 6)**

- a. Questions and Declarations, vv. 1-4.
- b. What You Need to Know, v. 6.
- c. What You Need to Consider, v. 11.
- d. What You Need to Do, Romans v. 13.
- e. The authority to know, consider, and do comes from the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**II. YOUR NEW PROBLEM (ROMANS 7)**

- a. The latter half of Romans 7 deals with a new problem since we have become a Christian, vv. 14, 18, 22-23.
- b. Same Old Address. The problem is, only the inner you was made brand new in Christ.
- c. Nothing Worth Saving, v. 18. The authority to improve does not come from our flesh. It comes from the authority of the Holy Spirit.
- d. Growing the New You, vv. 24-25. Christ alone releases us through the power & authority of the Holy Spirit. When we realize our flesh is destined for dust, it will change our Christian life, in that, we will concentrate on building up our inner person by the power of the Spirit.

### III. YOUR NEW LAW (ROMANS 8)

- a. Background Scriptures: Genesis 11:5-9; Judges 3:10; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Joel 2:28; John 14:15-17; John 16:12-15; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4.
- b. The law of the Spirit gives us authority to live victoriously, vv. 1-4. What the Father did when Jesus saved you was to transfer His power from the outside of you to the inside of you.
- c. A Power Transfer. Jesus has all the power we will ever need. When we are connected to Him by the Holy Spirit, we receive Christ's life as our dead spirits come alive. So, if I am connected to the living & powerful Christ by way of the living & powerful Holy Spirit, how come I still seem so dead? Why am I so weak? How come I am losing, not winning, the battle? *Answer: there is something you must do to authorize the benefits of the Holy Spirit.*
- d. Walk by the Spirit, vv. 2, 4.
  - i. Destination, James 1:6-8.
  - ii. Dependence, Proverbs 3:5-6.
  - iii. Continuous, Mark 5:36 (Amplified Bible).
- e. The Power to Soar, 1 Samuel 1:20-26; Hebrews 5:7-9.
  - i. When the Holy Spirit is combined with an obedient life, we soar over the 'pull' of sin in our spiritual life. When the Spirit's authority is at work giving us victory over sin, we have experienced the Spirit.
- f. Mind Control, v. 6, 12-13; 2 Corinthians 10:4-6.
- g. Fleshly Desires, Galatians 5:16-18.
  - i. The way to stop walking in the flesh is to start walking in the Spirit.

### NOTES: