The Holy Spirit, Lesson 7

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US LIFE AND GOVERNS OUR MINDS

Romans 8:1­–17,22–27

Key Verse: 8:2

1. What does it mean that we have no condemnation in Christ Jesus? (1; 5:1) How does the Holy Spirit make this a reality? (2) Why was the law limited in helping us? (3a) What did Christ do for us that the law could not do? (3b­) Through Christ, how does the Holy Spirit help us obey God’s righteous laws? (4; 6:17; cf. Eze36:26–27)
2. What does it mean to “live according to the flesh”? (5a,6a,7–8; Mk8:33; Php3:18–19) To “live in accordance with the Spirit”? (5b,6b; Ps42:1–2; 63:1) How can we have a Spirit-centered mindset or outlook? (5)
3. What is the evidence that we belong to Christ? (9; Jn14:17; 1Co6:19) What does the Holy Spirit living within do for us? (10–11; see also verse 6b) Because he lives within us, what obligation do we have? (12–13) What does it mean to “put to death the misdeeds of the body”? (Col3:5–8) How does the Spirit help us in this?
4. What does it mean to be “led by the Spirit of God”? (14a; cf. Ps143:10) What are the privileges of being children of God? (14b­–17) How are we changed when the Holy Spirit drives out all our fears?
5. What is our new hope when we have “the firstfruits of the Spirit”? (23–25) How does the Spirit help us pray? (26–27)