Romans 16

We will begin this lesson in Romans 7:7, "What shall we say then? [is] the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

The law is not sin. It just makes us aware of right from wrong. When we know right from wrong and do wrong anyway, then we have sinned. **Galatians 3:24** "*Therefore the law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*" We would not have even known we needed a Saviour had there been no law.

Galatians 2:16 "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Moses' law guided the Israelites for hundreds of years until Jesus. Jesus is the law of the Christians. The law of God is placed in our heart, if we are a Christian.

Romans 7:8 "But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin [was] dead."

Concupiscence means lust, or a desire for things that are forbidden. Sometimes the forbidden is the very thing the flesh lusts for. To mention that something is a sin sometimes causes certain fleshly people to desire to do that very thing. Men did what was right in their own sight until the law came.

Romans 7:9 "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died."

We see in vrs. 9 above that until you are conscious of the law, you cannot sin against the law. Once the law was given and we became conscious of the law, then a guilty conscious of sins came. To sin in full knowledge of the law of God brings death. We dwelled in death until Jesus came and brought life.

Romans 7:10 And the commandment, which [was ordained] to life, I found [to be] unto death.

The law was first given to help people understand what the will of God was and show that it was possible to please God by keeping His commandants. The same law that brought the opportunity for eternal life if it was kept, brought death if it were not kept.

Romans 7:11 "For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

The old man was corrupt. The lust for sin in the flesh was actually what slew him. Read Ephesians ch.4 vrs.22 to see this corrupt spirit in mankind. Ephesians 4:22 "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful

lusts;" Verse 23 & 24 tell what we must do. Ephesians 4:23 "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;" Ephesians 4:24 "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Romans 7:12 "Wherefore the law [is] holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."

We read in Psalms about the perfect law Psalms 19:7 " The law of the LORD [is] perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD [is] sure, making wise the simple." We also see a similar statement in I Timothy 1:8 "But we know that the law [is] good, if a man use it lawfully;"

Romans 7:13 "Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful."

Until Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, there was no knowledge of good and evil. Sin entered into the world through Adam.

Psalms 34:21 ''Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.''

Romans 7:14 "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin."

In I Timothy 1:8 "But we know that the law [is] good, if a man use it lawfully;"

I Timothy 1:9 "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,"

I Timothy 1:10 "For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;"

Romans 7:15 "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I."

We see in verse 15 above, the struggle that all mankind faces. The struggle is truly between our flesh and spirit. Paul desires tohave his spirit in control at all times. He says that sometimes his flesh wins out. It is a daily struggle for all of us. To live for Jesus the spirit has to overcome the flesh. Galatians 5:17 "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

Romans 7:16 "If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that [it is] good."
Romans 7:17 "Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."

The quickest way to tell if we are following after the flesh is if whatever you are doing feels good to the flesh. If the flesh is enjoying your actions, it is probably displeasing to the spirit.

Romans 7:18 "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but [how] to perform that which is good I find not."

No man's flesh follows God. Man's flesh must be crucified for the spirit to reign.

Galatians 5:24"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

Galatians 5:25 "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Galatians 5:26"Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." Paul is trying to say that the flesh of man is a hindrance to him. Even Jesus, when facing the cruel death of the cross, said (my spirit is willing, but my flesh is weak). We must somehow get our flesh and the lusts thereof under subjection to the spirit of God within us.

Romans 7:19 "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do."

We see that flesh does not desire to do good, only evil. I feel Paul is making a point that we must stay away from the influence of the flesh.

Romans 7:20 "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."

Paul is making a point, again, about the flesh. This in the flesh sin must be put to death.

Romans 7:21 "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me."

Hear the cry of a man who desires to please God. Psalms 19:12 "Who can understand [his] errors? cleanse thou me from secret [faults]."

Psalms 19:13 ''Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous [sins]; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.''

Psalms 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.''

Romans 7:22 "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:"
Romans 7:23 "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members."

We see in 11 Corinthians a similar Scripture. II Corinthians 10:3 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:" II Corinthians 10:4 "(For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
II Corinthians 10:5 "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

Romans 7:24 "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

Now we see Paul's point in all of this. There is no way within ourselves that we can overcome the problems between our flesh wanting to sin and our spirit knowing sin is wrong. The only solution is to give ourselves over to Jesus Christ and no longer live our own lives, but let Jesus live in us and through us.

Romans 7:25 "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

The answer is to bury self into the watery grave with Jesus and be risen from the grave to a new spirit life with Jesus Christ. Read chapter 15 of 1st Corinthians. I will quote here verse 49 of that chapter to show how we take on the image of Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:49 "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

Question 16

1. I had not known sin, but by the
2. Is the law sin?
3. In Galatians Chapter 3V-24 the law was our
4. How are we justified?
5. By the works of the law shall be justified.
6. What does concupiscence mean?
7. To mention something being a sin sometimes causes what?
8. When does a guilty conscience of sin come?
9. We dwelled inuntil Jesus Christ came and brought
10. In V-11, what deceived him?
11. The old man (of sin) is corrupt according to what?
12. In V-12, we find the law is what?
13. In Psalms ch.19 v.7, we find what about the law of God?
14. When did sin enter into the world for our time?
15. In v-14, the law is described how?
16. Who was the law made for as mentioned in 1 Timothy chapter 1 v-8?
17. In V-15, what do we really see?
18. In Galatians chapter 5 V17, we find that thelusteth against the
19. What is the quickest way to find, if we are following the flesh?
20. In Galatians chapter 5 V-24, we find that they that are Christ's have done what to the flesh's
21. If we live in the spirit, we mustin the spirit.
22. How was even Jesus' flesh a hindrance to him?
23. What point does the author think Paul is making in V -19?
24. In Psalms chapter 19 V-12, we see the prayer of a man who desires to do what?
25. Quote Psalms chapter 19-V-14.
26. Who shall deliver me from this body of death?
27. In V-25, Paul says with his mind he serves whom?

28. What verse in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 shows how we take on the image of Jesus Christ.?

ROMANS 17

We will begin this lesson in Romans 8:1 "[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

So many Christians want to stop with the statement *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus*. This statement is true only, if the last part of this statement is kept.

Salvation is a daily walk. There is no condemnation in righteousness.

If we walk in righteousness, not after the flesh but after the Spirit of God there is no condemnation. To preach that Christians are above condemnation when they are living like the world is in error. If you are walking in the Spirit of God, there is nothing to condemn you for. In I Peter 1:15 "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;" I Peter 1:16 "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

II Corinthians 5:7 "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"

Romans 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

We see in Galatians chapter 5 verse 1 where Jesus has changed us and allowed us to walk in Him. Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Also 1st Corinthians chapter 15 verse 45 speaks of death through the first Adam and life through the second Adam (Jesus Christ). I Corinthians 15:45 "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit." Verse 50 of this same chapter tells us that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Our flesh will die so that our spirit may live.

Romans 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"

We see in 1st Peter chapter 2 just exactly what Jesus did for us on that cross.

I Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" I Peter 2:22 "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:" I Peter 2:23 "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed [himself] to him that judgeth righteously:" I Peter 2:24 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead tosins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

We see in this that Jesus not only covered our sins, but did away with them with his own blood, and also made healing available to all who believe.

Romans 8:4 "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

We see from this Scripture above, that it is possible to walk in the Spirit of God and not fulfill the desires of the flesh. This is a state of being for all true Christians who have turned over their free will to the perfect will of God. We, like Jesus, must come to a place that we can say not my will be done, but thine oh Lord.

Romans 8:5 "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

We cannot be flesh man and spirit man both. One spirit will rule.

In other words we cannot keep one foot in the world and one foot in heaven.

We read in Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

We, also, read just how far this separation extends in I Peter 2:9 "But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

If we would go on in chapter 2 v-10, we will find that we who are believers in Christ are a changed people. I Peter 2:10 "Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

This whole 2nd chapter is good to read, because it tells us not to listen to fleshly desires, but live in God's Spirit.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace

Galatians 6:8 "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

This is just one more way to say that our flesh desires to sin and our spirit desires to please God.

Romans 8:7 "Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

This very statement is why mind control is so bad. The mind, not given over to the Lord Jesus Christ, truly can have power, but it is from the wrong source. Mind power tells us that we have the power within ourselves to bring miracles about. It really is saying we don't need God, we can do it ourselves. Man, since Adam and Eve, has wanted to be a God. This is that same spirit. To truly be God's children, we must not depend on our mind, but on the mind of Christ. I Corinthians 2:16 "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." The Lord Jesus must have all of us for us to be his. Matthew 22:37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Jesus went so for as to say this was the # 1 commandment. We are not to have a worldly mind, but one staid upon God.

The flesh and its desires must die so that the spirit man can live. The flesh desires things of this earth, but the spirit is staid upon God's will in our lives. Read 1st Corinthians chapter 15, beginning with verse 35 to really understand about the spirit man who lives when the flesh dies.

Romans 8:9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Galations chapter 2 verse 20 says it all. Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." This Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of the risen Christ (The Holy Spirit of God). He is our teacher and our guide.

Questions 17

1.	Who is there no condemnation for?
2.	How are the uncondemned to walk?
3.	What is a falacy that is being taught about this very thing?
4.	In 1st Peter ch. 1 v-15, we are told to be even as he is
5.	2nd Corinthians ch. 5 V-7 says, we walk bynot by
6.	What has made me free from the law of sin and death?
7.	What advice is given us in Gal. ch.5 v-1?
8.	Who brought death to all mankind?
9.	Who brought life for all mankind who will accept it?
10	In verse 3, we find that the law was weak, how?
11	In 1st Peter ch.12 what do we find that Jesus did for us?
12	. How should Christians walk? v-4?
13	. Verse 5 tells us that those after the flesh regard what?
14	In Titus ch.2 v-14 Christians are called what kind of people?
15	. What wonderful things are Christians called in 1st Peter ch.2, v-9?
16	. V-6 says to be carnally minded is
17	. What does being spiritually minded bring? (2 things?)
18	. The carnal mind is against God.
19	. Why is mind control so bad?
20	What Scripture tells us that Christians have the mind of Christ?
21	. What did Jesus say was the number one commandment?
22	. Who cannot please God in verse 8?
23	. How can we be in the spirit in verse 9?

24. What do we find is necessary to be walking with Christ in Galatians chapter 2 Verse 20.

ROMANS 18

We will begin this lesson in Romans 8:10 "And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness."

Jesus took the sin of all of us upon His body on the cross and sin and His flesh died. The Spirit of Jesus lived on. Jesus dismissed his Spirit from His body and commanded it to go to the Father. Luke 23:46 "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

We have mentioned it several times already in this study, but to truly understand, thoroughly read 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 36 on. Just as sin killed the body of Christ on the cross, sin causes our body to die and return to dust. The spirit of man lives on.

If we are a Christian, our spirit will live eternally in heaven. If we are not a Christian, our place for all eternity is hell.

Look at 1st Corinthians chapter 15 verse 20 through verse 23. I Corinthians 15:20 "But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the first fruits of them that slept." I Corinthians 15:21 "For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead." I Corinthians 15:22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Skip down to verse 45 and we can understand the difference between our flesh and spirit. I Corinthians 15:45 "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit." Drop down to I Corinthians 15:49 "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall alsobear the image of the heavenly."

Look also in 2nd Corinthians chapter 5 verses 6 thru 8 2nd Corinthians 5:6 "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:" II Corinthians 5:7 "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"

II Corinthians 5:8 "We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

We shall rise because Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. The Spirit of the risen Christ dwells in all believers. This Spirit of the Ressurrection shall quicken our mortal bodies.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8:12 "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh."

The promise that the Christians have that the rest of the world does not have is the promise of the ressurection of our bodies.

Romans 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:5 "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also [in the likeness] of [his] resurrection:" You see we do not owe our bodies anything. The

flesh is our enemy. If we obey the lust of the flesh, we are living in sin. We must overcome the flesh, put it in subjection to the spirit.

Romans 8:13 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

Here, again, we see the warfare that goes on within each of us. Our spirit wants to do the things of God and our flesh lusts for the things of the flesh and world. If we choose to let the Spirit of God rule our life, and in so doing (kill the flesh) we shall live for all of eternity in heaven with Jesus. If we choose to follow the ways of the world, it brings eternal damnation and total separation from God.

Romans 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

If God's blood flows in us, we are his children. When we allow Jesus to be Lord of our lives, the Spirit of God dwells inside of us.

That Spirit within us makes us God's children. Galatians 3:26 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

A very similar Scripture is in I Corinthians 2:12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

When God adopted us into his family, then that made us heirs to all he possesses. We will be joint-heirs with Jesus as we read in v-17 of Romans 8. There are 3 places in the New Testament Abba is used; one here in Romans; once in Mark ch. 14 verse 36 and once in Galatians chapter 4 v-6. Mark 14:36 "And he said, Abba, Father, all things [are] possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt."

Galatians 4:6 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." We see in all of these 3 verses that this name is reserved for only the children of God to call Him by. The world cannot call Him by this name. This name is a very endearing name for the Father. I say, again, that the unsaved are not permitted to use this name.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Romans 8:17 "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together."

Notice, this first Spirit in the sentence above is Capitalized meaning the Holy Spirit of God (or the Spirit of the risen Christ this Spirit within us is God's Spirit. There is plenty of evidence in our lives when this Spirit dwells within us, because we allow Christ to live through our actions and deeds. We become Christ like.

Romans 8:18 "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

2nd Corinthians chapter 4 V 17 calls it light affliction. Our affliction truly is light compared to Christ's suffering. Paul, in v- 18 above, can speak from first-hand about suffering. He was stoned, shipwrecked, and so many times left for dead: suffering was no stranger to him.

John 13:16 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him." We can easily see that this present suffering is minor compared to the great glory we will receive when Jesus recognizes us as His when we stand before Him in heaven.

Romans 8:19 "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

Everyone who believes in Jesus the Christ, is also earnestly awaiting the coming of Christ and our eternal life as a son of God. While we are in a fleshly body, it is our most blessed hope. When we leave this body and are in heaven with Jesus, it will be a reality. In Galatians 3:25 "But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." Galatians 3:26 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Verse 27 " For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Romans 8:20 "For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected [the same] in hope," V-21 "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Mankind, born in flesh, blooms like a flower in youth. This flower soon fades and the flesh of mankind dies. The flesh returns to the dust from where it came.

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Genesis 3:19 "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground;

for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return."

Of course, all this is speaking of the flesh of man, but mankind's spirit lives on forever.

1st Corinthians chapter 15 verses 51 thru 54 explains it very well. I Corinthians 15:51 "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed",

I Corinthians 15:52 "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

I Corinthians 15:53 "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality."

I Corinthians 15:54 "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

Questions 18

1. In v-10 we see (if Christ be in you) the body is
2. The Spirit is because of righteousness.
3. When Jesus' flesh died, what happened to His Spirit?
4. What is different about the everlasting home of a Christian and someone who is still living
the flesh life?
5. Who will quicken our mortal body, if we are a Christian?
6. In 1st Corinthians chapter 15 v-20, what has Christ become in his resurrection?
7. Who brought death to all on the earth?
8. In 1 Corinthians ch. 15 V-45, the first man was made what?
9. The last Adam was made what?
10. While we are at home in the body we are absent from whom?
11. Jesus is what 2 things that guarantees us everlasting life?
12. What Spirit dwells in all believers?
13. What do we owe the flesh?
14. In V-13, we learn, if we live after the flesh
15. If ye through the Spirit we do mortify the flesh,
16. Who are the sons of God in V-14?
17. In Galatians Ch. 3 V 26, how are we Christians children of God?
18. When we receive the Spirit of adoption, what do we call the Father.
19. Where else is this name found in the Bible?
20. Who are not permitted to use this name?
21. What bears witness that we are God's family?
22. What must we do to be joint-heirs with Christ?
23. Why should we not be too concerned about suffering for Christ now?
24. 2nd Corinthians chapter 4 V-17 calls this suffering what?
25. What suffering did Paul go through for Christ?
26. In V-19, we find the earnest expectation of the creature waits for what?
27. Who have put on Christ?
28. What must happen before we go up with Jesus?
20. Death is swallowed up in