

Message Two—Study Questions

1. Share five major points concerning why Romans 8 is of the utmost importance.
2. What is the definition of the law of the Spirit of life?
3. What are the ways that we can “switch on” the law of the Spirit of life?
4. How can we be more than conquerors through Christ who loved us?

Share five major points concerning why Romans 8 is of the utmost importance:

1. **ROMANS 8 MAY BE CONSIDERED THE FOCUS OF THE ENTIRE BIBLE AND THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE.** In eternity past God purposed to enter into His redeemed people so that He could be their life and so that they could be His corporate expression; this is the focus of God's economy (1 Tim. 1:3-5). Man is the center of God's creation, because God's intention is to be expressed through man; man can become God's expression only by God entering into man to be man's life and content and to make man one with Him so that man may live by Him and even live Him out; in this way God is expressed from within man. Zechariah 12:1 reveals that the heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man was created by God with a spirit so that he may contact God, receive God, worship God, live God, fulfill God's purpose for God, and be one with God. The central focus in the universe is that the processed Triune God as the law of the Spirit of life has come into us and now dwells in us; this is the greatest miracle; nothing else in the universe could be more important than this (Isa. 66:1-2; John 14:23; 15:4). We should all be full of joy since the Triune God is indwelling us and is one with us; He is our life and our person, and He is making us His home (Eph. 3:14-17).

2. **A CHAPTER FOR DESPERATE SEEKERS—Romans 7:24-25a; Romans 8:2.**

3. **THE KEY TO BEING A CHRISTIAN—living in the realm of impossibility (the realm of resurrection)—Romans 8:2-4—**“For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death. For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.” This shows that the law of the Spirit of life even includes an element that deals with impossibility—vv. 10, 6, 11; cf. Rev. 21:23; 22:1-2, 14.

4. **THE KEY TO BEING AN OVERCOMER—Isaiah 40:31—**“Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and will not become weary; they will walk and will not faint.” (See notes 1 and 2).

5. **THE SECRET OF HOW TO HAVE THE BODY LIFE AND OF LIVING IN THE BODY OF CHRIST IS IN ROMANS 8.** (Romans 9-11 is a parenthesis, and Romans 12 is a direct continuation of Romans 8.) When we “switch on” the law of the Spirit of life, right away we will be in the Body of Christ in an actual way. The reality of the Body of Christ is the corporate living by the perfected God-men who are matured by continually exercising to reject the self and live by another life, the divine life, which is the law of the Spirit of life. This kind of living, which is the reality of the Body of Christ, will close this age, the age of the church, and will bring Christ back to take, possess, and rule over this earth with these God-men in the kingdom age.