

6. (8:4b-8) Contrast the two ways of life:

7. (8:9) As a Christian, you are now “controlled” by what?

8. (8:10-11) Even though our bodies may die, what will be true of them because of the Spirit of God in us?

9. (8:12-13) Since we have the Spirit, what is our obligation?

10. (8:14-17) If we have the Spirit, to whom do we belong and what is our relationship?



Memory Verse: Romans 8:16-17

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

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Personal Reflection

The sin nature gives us an insatiable appetite and temporary sense of satisfaction. In order to satisfy these desires, we find ourselves yielding to its demands. The passage is clear about the effects of following our sin nature. What are they? What makes me feel obligated to my sin nature? Why do I desire to serve it rather than God? Practically speaking, how does God free us?

What does it mean to be controlled by the Spirit (vs. 9)?

There is a relational connection with God the Father. How is the relationship different from that of a slave to a master? Why is that important?

In what ways are God's power and love for us demonstrated in this passage? When you think of who God is and what He has done, what is your response?