

Romans 8:1-17 Sunday, July 25, 2021 Alta Vista Baptist Church

"But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit." – Romans 7:6

□ The Mountaintop Experience



1) The HOLY SPIRIT Brings New LIFE (vs. 1-13)

• New from Sin (vs. 1-4)

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross." - Colossians 2:13-14

• New Way of _____ (vs. 5-8)

• New Spirit Lives in ____ (vs. 9-11)

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own." - 1 Corinthians 6:19

• New (vs. 13-14)

2) The HOLY SPIRT Confirms Your ADOPTION (vs. 14-17)

• New (vs. 14)

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." - Ephesians 4:22-24

• New with God (vs. 15-16)

"And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father," - Galatians 4:6

• New (vs. 17)

"So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir." - Galatians 4:7

"I was found. Before I was lost. I was Yours. Before I was not. Grace to spare. For all my mistakes. And that part just wrecks me." - As You Find Me (Hillsong)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Have you ever climbed a mountain? What was that experience like? Q2: Share a time when you experienced freedom from sin. How did that change your view of yourself? Your relationship with Jesus? Q3: What do you find assuring and astonishing in Romans 8:9-11? Q4: What does it mean to you that "your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?" How does that change the way you think about your body? Q5: Read John 3:1-21. What does Jesus say about the Holy Spirit? Q6: Read Colossians 3:5-11. Why is it important to renounce sin and put it to death?

Q7: Read Ephesians 2:18-22. What blessing have you seen in your life as a result of being a part of God's family?

Q8: How does your adoption into God's family speak to your identity and purpose?