

Romans 8, Sermon #2
Title: Life In The SPIRIT
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For the Apostle Paul, there are three important "laws" in Romans 5-8.

1. The "LAW(s) of God" as found in His commandments (Rom. 7:6, 7)
2. The "LAW of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2, 7:23, 25). Most commonly referred to as the sin nature.
3. The "LAW of the Spirit of life" (Rom. 8:2).

1. The "LAW(s) of God" as found in His commandments (Rom. 7:6, 7)
 - It informs us of God's standard for living (Deut. 6:1, 3, 6).
 - It (they) are holy, righteous and good (Rom. 7:12).
 - It is "helpless" in providing power to us to obey (Rom. 8:3, Gal. 3:21b).

2. The "LAW of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2, 7:23, 25). Most commonly referred to as the sin nature.
 - Lives inside every person before he/she is saved (Rom. 5:12, 7:20, 7:23).
 - When it hears God's law, it springs up in rebellion to the commands of God (Rom. 7:8).
 - Is hostile to God and his law (Col. 1:21; Rom. 8:7).
 - Does not submit to God's law and has no power to do so (Rom. 8:7).
 - Finds God's commands "foolish" and not understandable (I Cor. 2:14).
 - Impossible to please God in any way (Rom. 8:8).

3. The "LAW of the Spirit of life" (Rom. 8:2).
 - This is in reference to the Holy Spirit who now lives inside the believer, providing each believer with eternal life and spiritual life. Up to Romans 8, there have only been 4 mentions of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Romans (Romans 1:4, 2:29, 5:5, 7:6).
 - In Romans 8:2-27 (only 25 verses), the Holy Spirit is mentioned 19 times (vv. 2, 4, 5,5, 6, 9,9,9 11,11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 26,26, 27,27).

- Sets us free from the "law of God" and marries us to Christ (Rom. 7:4, 6; 10:4).
- Sets us free from the "law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2).

-Circumcises our hearts, (cutting away the power of the sin nature-Rom. 2:28-29).

-Pours out the love of God into our hearts, assuring us of God's love for us and our love for God (Rom. 5:5, contrast Rom. 1:30).

-Lives inside us, providing power to choose and to obey God's commandments (Rom. 8:4, 11; Phil. 2:13).

If this power is in believers (and it is), how do we tap into it?

We pray and depend on God for it every minute of every day and when faced with a "law/commandment" of God that we are tempted not to obey, we pray and ask God for His promised power to obey. Acts 4:1-3, 21-31.