

**A LIFE OF VICTORY**  
**Romans 8 - Part 2**  
**October 2, 2016**

**When you feel... “I’m NEVER going to change!”**  
**The truth is... You are going to change!**

**YOU ARE GOING TO CHANGE BECAUSE...**

**1. YOU HAVE A NEW MINDSET.**

- You can begin to THINK differently.

**Romans 8:5 (NIV)** *“Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”*

**The Choice: Flesh or Spirit**

- You can LIVE differently.

**Romans 8:6 (NIV)** *“The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”*

**The Choice: Death or Life**

- You can RELATE to God differently.

**Romans 8:7 (NIV)** *“The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.”*

**The Choice: Hostility or Spirituality**

**2. YOU HAVE A NEW MANAGER.**

**Five Truths About The Spirit Being In Control...**

- Without the Spirit you cannot PLEASE God.

**Romans 8:8 (NIV)** *“Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.”*

**Level One – You don't have the Spirit.**

**Level Two – You have the Spirit.**

**Level Three – The Spirit has you.**

- Without **CHRIST** you can't have the Spirit.

**Romans 8:9 (NIV)** *"You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ."*

- The Holy Spirit gives **LIFE** to your spirit.

**Romans 8:10 (NIV)** *"But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness."*

**2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)** *"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."*

- The Holy Spirit gives life to your **BODY**.

**Romans 8:11 (NIV)** *"And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you."*

**1 Corinthians 15:40 (NIV)** *"There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another."*

- You have a new **OBLIGATION** for living.

**Romans 8:12-13 (NIV)** *"Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live."*

**The truth is not, "I'll never change."  
The truth is, "I will INEVITABLY change."**

### 3. YOU HAVE A NEW FATHER.

The Growing Assurances That God Is Your Father:

- You are LED by God's Spirit.

**Romans 8:14 (NIV)** *"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."*

- You no longer are a slave to FEAR.

**Romans 8:15a (NIV)** *"The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship."*

- You cry out His NAME.

**Romans 8:15b (NIV)** *"And by Him (the Spirit) we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"*

**Mark 14:36 (NIV)** *"'Abba, Father,' everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will."*

The Aramaic & Greek words for "father" are side by side:

JEW and GENTILE are both included.

The formal and informal are side by side:

INTIMACY and AUTHORITY are both included.

- The Spirit testifies that you are God's CHILD.

**Romans 8:16 (NIV)** *"The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."*

**Romans 8:17 (NIV)** *"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."*

## **GROWTH WORK...**

**Enjoy your new Mindset this week by...** taking time to thank God that you've got a choice in your circumstances, temptations and relationships.

**Enjoy your new Manager this week by...** practicing Spirit controlled living in your family.

**Enjoy your new Father this week by...** using a more familiar name when talking with God.