

Romans 8 v 1-17

Read Romans 8v1-17

To clarify understanding

1. Why is there no condemnation for those united with Christ Jesus (vv. 1–4)?
2. What is the connection between what Jesus did for us and what we do by the Spirit as men and women united with Jesus (vv. 1–6)?
3. What are we taught about the unbeliever's mind (control centre) in verses 6–8? Why is it impossible for them to please God (v. 8)?
4. Who lives in all Christians, according to verses 9–11? (Look at the three different ways the answer is described).
5. Why does having the Spirit guarantee our future bodily resurrection (v. 11)?
6. What is our obligation as Christians (vv. 12, 13)?
7. What does the Spirit do for and in us (vv. 14–17)?

To encourage honest response

1. How does the struggle against sin (7:14–25) make us feel? Why does it unsettle us and make us doubt the grace of God?
2. How does this chapter teach us to respond to doubt about the grace of God?
3. In what ways do we experience the work of the Spirit as described in this chapter (try not to import ideas but stick to the passages description of the Spirit's work in us)?
4. How can we help one another to connect this experience with assurance of future resurrection?

Pray for one another