

The first seventeen verses of the eighth chapter of the book of Romans gives us some powerful insights on the sovereign power of God, the Mighty Love of Himself and His Son, Jesus the Christ, and the powerful workings of the Holy Spirit.

Paul tells us that therefore (thanks be to God in Romans 7:25) because of what God did for us through His Son, Jesus Christ, out on Calvary, there is now no condemnation (fault-finding, blame) for those who are now in Jesus Christ. Tony Evans says in his commentary "If you are a believer in Jesus, it does not matter what your heart tells you; God says you stand before Him with zero condemnation." God did in a powerful and loving act what the law of Moses could not do on its best day... He sacrificed His Son, Jesus, to die out on Calvary! Because of this action, believers are redeemed (rescued) from God's judgment on sin. Jesus' death and resurrection gives us the guarantee of being saved (eternal life). We also can walk and live as sons and daughters by the adoption process of God if we make the decision to allow the Holy Spirit to influence our daily lives.

The points about the mindsets of the flesh and of the Spirit are due to the fact that they are

directly "opposite" of each other. Tony Evans says that if we are struggling in our walk, talk, and thoughts, the problem is in our minds! The results of walking in the flesh are negative; while the results of walking in the Holy Spirit are positive!

The points about being adopted into God's family are powerful as well:

- (a) no guarantees that we will not have to face struggles (opposition, trouble),
- (b) we will share in the sufferings of Christ,
- (c) our salvation is promised to us,
- (d) we are not under the penalty (fine) of sin, and
- (e) we have to put to death the deeds of the flesh in order to be a child of God and be intimately close (Abba close) to Him.

Activity #1 , Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021

1. _____ to pronounce to be guilty ; to pass judgment against ; to sentence to judgment. One of the Devil's biggest weapons in his bag of dirty tricks.
2. _____ in the physical - pain, aging, injury, deterioration ; emotional - sadness, loneliness, rage, inadequacy. Evil and suffering in this life is a preparation for heaven. According to John 16:33, this is a part of life.
3. _____ to be free from guilt or sin ; to be morally right or justifiable. To be justified before God is not by works (the Law of Moses) ; the only way to be justified by God is by faith.
4. _____ In Christian terms, it is the admission of a believer into the family of God. Christians redeemed by Jesus become sons and daughters by this term. This is divine sonship and daughtership.
5. _____ In Christianity, this is to liberated (released, emancipated) from enslavement to sin.

6. _____ A child of God is one who believes and causes you to surrender your life to Jesus as Lord and Savior.

7. _____ a lack of trust; To overcome this, meditate on Scripture (2 Tim. 1:7) This can keep you from carrying out the destiny that God has on your life.

8. _____ This is the asset (s) that one gets when someone passes away. Also, this is the earthly and spiritual gifts that God plans to give to His children.