

Maranatha Men's Training Camp

Abounding Grace

Romans: Becoming a Man of God

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Romans 8:1-17 – Life in the Spirit

*"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.."
...Romans 8:1 (ESV)*

MAIN POINT

- *Life in the Spirit means setting your mind right, so that you think like Jesus thinks!*
- *We have been given a New Identity through the relationship we have with God as His sons!*

Quick Review...

Chapter 5 – We saw in our union with Christ to take our sins and give us His righteousness so that we can be justified.

Chapter 6 – We learned that we were united with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Chapter 7 – We saw the struggle that results from relying on the flesh rather than the Spirit to do what is right.

Read **Romans 8:1** together...

1. What does this say about our union with our Lord Jesus?

Get your mind straight!

Read **Romans 8:2-4** together...

In these verses it describes walking according to the *flesh*, verses walking according to the *Spirit*.

1. Read *Galatians 5:16-21* together, and describe what it looks like to "walk according to the flesh"?
2. Read *Galatians 5:22-26* together...What does it look like to "walk according to the Spirit"?
3. Think about how one can "walk according to the Spirit"? ...talk about it with your Group!

Read **Romans 8:5-8** together...

1. What does it mean to "set your mind" on the things of the *flesh*?
2. Read *Philippians 4:8-9* ...What does it mean to "set your mind" on the things of the *Spirit*?
3. Compare *Romans 12:1-2* with *Romans 8:5-8*...how do you put this into practice?

Group Discussion

Indwelling of the Spirit

Read **Romans 8:9-11** together...

1. Read *Ephesians 1:13-14* and *1John 3:24* together, and describe how we can know and have assurance that the Spirit of God is in us.

2. Read *1Corinthians 3:16-17* and *1Peter 1:14-16* together...What is the connection between the indwelling of the Spirit and your behavior?

3. How does the Spirit dwelling *in* you resemble or differ from the Spirit *filling* you?

Read **Romans 8:12-17** together...

In these verses we see that the relationship we have with the Lord has fundamentally changed to that of Adoption as His sons as members of God's family, so that we can call Him "Abba".

1. Read *Galatians 4:4-7* and *John 1:12* together, and talk about what it looks like to be adopted as sons of God.

In Conclusion / How will You Respond?...

What practical steps can you take today to have your mind set on the things of God?

Write them down...

Group Discussion (cont.)

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)