Pastor Jake Magee Message Notes | 12.08.24 Romans 8:1-4 | The Spirit of Life

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## Identifying the Spirit of Life

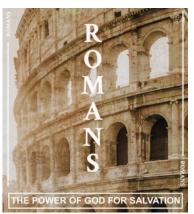
The Power:

A Person:

One of Three:

## Nicene Creed (325A.D.)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic (not Roman Catholic) and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.





## **Discussion Questions**

**The Big Idea**: For the first time in this letter, Paul spends considerable time telling us about the Holy Spirit's role in our salvation. Whereas he's only mentioned 4 times in chapters 1-7, he's now explicitly referred to 20 times in only 27 verses. In our time together, let's survey verses 1-27 and see what we can learn about the Holy Spirit.

At least seven times the Holy Spirit is said to be responsible for "life."
a) See if you can find each reference.

b) Explain this statement: what the Holy Spirit does in salvation is like what He did at creation.

- 2. The Holy Spirit is a person.
  - a) Where is that in Romans 8?

b) Why do you think people sometimes think He's not?

- 3. The Holy Spirit is mentioned along with the Father and the Son in our passage. a) Where do you see this in the first 4 verses?
  - b) How do Christians articulate the relationship between these three persons?
- 4. Read the Nicene Creed (included in your bulletin). Discuss what it says.

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6. The Holy Spirit insures our acceptance (vs.9), adoption (vs.14&15), and assurance (vs.16-17, 23-25). Discuss each point.

7. Verses 26&27 say that the Holy Spirit helps in our weaknesses.a) What is meant by "weaknesses"?

b) Identify and discuss the ways this passage says He helps.

c) What do other passages in the Bible say about how He helps?

d) How do Christians practically engage the Holy Spirit's help?

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