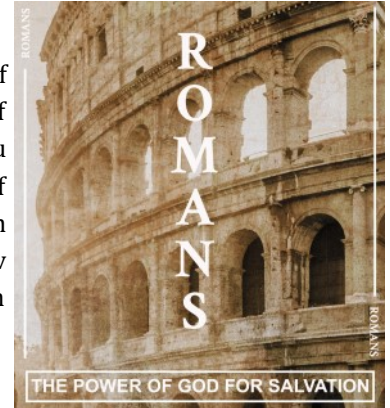


## Killing It

### Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



#### 1. Killing What? (Vss.12-13)

- a) Sin in both Mind and Body
  
- b) Not just the Mind
  
- c) Not just the Body

#### 2. Killing How? (Vss. 13-17)

- a) Who Does It \_\_\_\_\_
  
- b) What Does It \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Swinging the Sword*

- a) Renouncing the Chains
  
- b) Embracing the Hug
  
- c) Wearing the Crown

#### *Include the Kitching Sink*

## Romans 8:12-17 Discussion Questions

### Getting Started

*Read Romans 8:12-17*

Our culture often uses the phrase “killin’ it” to describe something positive.

- a) What are other phrases that take something typically bad and use it to describe something good?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b) If you had to create your own phrase like this, what would it be (make it funny!)?

The Christian life is described as “walking according to the Spirit.” Last week, we explored what this means in verses 4–11. This week, we examine how to walk according to the Spirit in verses 12–17, focusing on putting to death the remaining sin in our nature.

### Digging Deeper

**1. Sin in mind and body:** Those who walk according to the Spirit put to death sin in both the mind and body. Where do you see both aspects referred to in verses 4–17?

**2. Mind vs. body focus:** Historically, people have focused either on the mind or the body when addressing what’s wrong with us.

- a) Can you give examples from history or contemporary culture?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b) Which of these do Christians tend to emphasize more, and why?

**3. Active effort in killing sin:** In verse 13, the Spirit does not kill sin unless we kill sin by the Spirit.

- a) Discuss the role of active and intentional effort by Christians in the fight against sin.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b) How might we inadvertently encourage passivity in a believer?

**4. Bible as a weapon:** Verse 13 likens the Holy Spirit to a sword in the believer’s hand for killing sin. Compare this with Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12, and Revelation 1:16. What does it practically mean to use the Bible to kill sin in our lives?

**5. 3 Ways:** Pastor Jake discussed three ways to use the Word to kill sin: renouncing chains, embracing God's hug, and wearing our crown. What were the key points, and where are they referenced in verses 14–17?

**6. The Kitchen Sink:** Pastor Jake encouraged us to “throw the kitchen sink” at sin—using every spiritual and practical means available.

a) What are some examples of practical ways to deal with temptation and sin?

b) What cautions should we take when applying this advice?

c) Share practical steps you take to kill sin.

## Resources

- **Romans: Righteousness from Heaven** | R. Kent Hughes
- [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org)
- [www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com)
- [www.preceptaustin.org](http://www.preceptaustin.org)