

ROMANS 8:1-17 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS:

1. READ ROMANS 5:1

We all face condemnation from others, the Devil and even our selves. Some of these thoughts come in the form of "I am useless" or "I am never going to get rid of this shame." How does Paul's declaration in verse 1 break the power of such thoughts?

2. Being *in Christ* means to be granted the same status as Jesus has before the Father. In this way, you died with Christ, were raised with Christ and are now seated with Christ! How does this alter your sense of *identity*?

3. In verses 5-9a Paul contrasts living *in the flesh* with living *in the Spirit.* What do you think a day in the life of someone living in the Spirit looks like? Contrast this with what a day *in the flesh* might look like.

4. In verses 9-11 Paul expands his view of God by describing how the Trinity (Spirit of God, Christ, the Father) are all dwelling within the believer (via the Spirit). Though our God is one God, each person of God has different

functions. See if you can identify what the Spirit specifically does in you, what Christ does in you and what the Father does in you according to these verses?

5. Think about the level of intimacy and access that a child enjoys with their parent. How amazing is it that the God of the Cosmos has called us children? Equally amazing is His invitation to us to call Him *Abba, Father.* How does this level of intimacy change your perspective of God?

How does it change your perspective of you?