

THE STRUGGLE

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Read Romans 8:1-11

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR STRUGGLING BELIEVERS:

1. Don't be Afraid of _____ .

- Every person is a _____ lawbreaker.
- Jesus met the _____ of the Law.

v.3 - Jesus did things for us that the law could not do.

- Believers are _____ with Jesus.

v. 1 & 2 – “In Christ”

- Believers now are considered to have _____ the requirements of the Law.
- Believers cannot now be _____, because the Law's requirements are met.

TRUTH for BELIEVERS:

“I am not guilty, I am righteous.”

“I am not separated from God, I have been reconciled.”

“I am not in danger of hell, I am forgiven, and headed for heaven.”

“There is no condemnation for me”

ROMANS 6.7.8

2. Develop a _____ .

- v. 4 – believers have the Holy Spirit in them
- v. 5 - “mind set on the flesh” – our old way of living, thinking, believing
 - v. 6 - death
 - v. 7 - hostile to God
 - v. 7 - doesn't submit to God's law
 - v. 7 - can't submit to God's law
 - v. 8 - can't please God
- v. 5 - “mind controlled by the Spirit”
 - v. 6 - life & peace
- v. 9 – “You, however, are not controlled by the sinful nature....”
- v. 10 – “body is dead....Spirit is alive”

Look what the Spirit does in a believer:

- v. 5 – you have your mind set on what God desires from you
- v. 6 – you have moments where you experience life and peace from God
- v. 7 – you are not hostile toward God – you love God
- v. 8 – you can submit to God's law – not perfectly, but you do obey
- v. 9 – you can please God

3. Live Like the _____ is True

- v. 11 – The Spirit gives us a taste of the resurrection right now

We get a taste of the Resurrection when we overcome sin!

We get a taste of the Resurrection when we take the Lord's Supper!



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