

## **The Holy Spirit: Sanctification and the Eternal Security of Believers**

### **Romans 7:21-8:4**

#### **Introduction**

1. Every human being, without exception, is sinful (Rom.1:18-3:20)
2. Because of our sin; we all stand condemned because of our rebellion against God (Rom.1:32; 2:1-3,5-6,12; 3:9-20)
3. The whole of the Bible speaks of, "The Good News"—God's "Good news."  
God's "Good News" is salvation through faith in God's gracious provision of a Substitute for our sin; and that substitute is Jesus.  
His substitutionary death enables our sin to be forgiven, justly (Rom.3:21-4:25)
4. Having been saved (i.e. fully, completely, eternally); the Christian embarks on a life of sanctification (being set apart by God for God—for a life of holiness) (Rom.5:1-8:39)

#### **1. Review: The Apostle Paul's struggle with sin in his life**

1. The evil principle (7:21)
2. The evil "principle" has permeated all of Paul's being (7:23) (ESV and NASB)
3. The evil "principle" is ever present in Paul (7:17b,20b,21b,25a)
4. The evil "principle" is immensely powerful (7:23,25c)
5. The evil "principle" is ever engaged in war against God (7:23; 2Cor.1:21-22)

#### **2. Big picture: The contrast (Romans 7 and Romans 8; see 7:12,8)**

#### **3. The wonder of the Christian faith (8:1)**

1. The link with Romans 7 (8:1)

#### **2. Consider Jesus Christ**

1. "Messiah"/"Christ, means "anointed One""
2. OT prophetic background to Christ's anointing (Gen.3:15; 12:3; 49:10; Is.11:1,10; 7:14; 9:6; 11:4b; 9:7; 24:19,21; 11:6,7b,9; 11:1-2; 42:1,4b,6b; 61:1; 42:1,4b,6b; 52:13-53:12)
  1. The Messiah is the "seed of the woman" (Gen.3:15)
  2. The seed of Abraham, and through Him all nations will be blessed (Gen.12:3)
  3. He will be of the Jewish line of Judah; (Gen.49:10)
  4. He is both before, and after Jesse (King David's father) (Is.11:1,10)
  5. Born of a virgin; called "Immanuel" (meaning God with us) (Is.7:14)
  6. He will be given to humanity by God the Father (Is.9:6a)
  7. He will be fully human and fully divine (Is.9:6)
  8. His sovereign power will be displayed (Is.11:4b)
  9. Son of King David; will establish and rule over a perfectly just, and righteous, eternal Kingdom (Is.9:7)
  10. Through Him the earth will be judged (Is.24:19,21)
  11. In His eternal Kingdom; (Is.11:6,7b,9)

12. The Messiah/Christ will be specially anointed (Is.11:1-2; 42:1,4b,6b; 61:1)

13. The nations will be justly saved through the substitutionary death and representative work of the Messiah (Is.52:13-53:12)

3. The NT fulfillment of the OT promises (Heb.1:1-3)

1. Jesus: The Prophet (Heb.1:1-2a)

1. God is the author of the OT and the NT

2. Note the progressive nature of revelation

3. The final revelation is through One Person, at one time, rather than through many persons, and at "many times"

4. The final revelation is given directly by God in the flesh

2. Jesus: The Priest (Heb.1:3b)

3. Jesus: The King (Heb.1:2b-3a)

1. The Son is the Agent of creation

2. The Son sustains creation

3. The Son is equal in essence or substance to the Father

4. The baptism of Jesus (Matt.3:13-17)

1. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (the Triune God) were manifested at the baptism of Jesus

2. The Father declares Jesus to be the Son of God (meaning God)

3. The Holy Spirit comes upon a unique Person (Jesus) in a unique way Jesus is anointed as the Messiah in fulfillment of the OT (Matt.3:16; Is.42:1,4b,6b-7)

4. Jesus' ministry began with His baptism

5. Jesus' calling:

"To fulfil all Righteousness" as the second Representative (Matt.3:15)

1. "Fulfil"

2. "To fulfil all Righteousness"

3. The consequence of Jesus' perfect life and His perfect death

1. When are we fully saved as Christians? (8:1)

2. What has the true Christian been delivered from? (Rom.1:19; Is.53:5,10; 1Jn.2:2 (ESV); 4:10 (ESV); Rom.3:25 (ESV))

Conclusion