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- A. The enjoyment of the law of the Spirit of life in Romans 8 ushers us into the reality of the Body of Christ in Romans 12; this law operates within us as we live in the Body and for the Body—Rom. 8:2, 28-29; 12:1-2, 11; Phil. 1:19.
 - B. Every life has a law and even is a law; God’s life is the highest life, and the law of this life is the highest law—cf. John 1:4-5; 12:24; 14:6a; 10:10b; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
 - C. The Triune God has been processed through incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to become the law of the Spirit of life installed in our spirit as a “scientific” law, an automatic principle; this is one of the biggest discoveries, even recoveries, in God’s economy—Rom. 8:2-3, 11, 34, 16.
 - D. The law of the Spirit of life is the spontaneous power of the divine life; it is the natural characteristic and the innate, automatic function of the divine life—Rom. 8:2; Phil. 2:13; Ezek. 36:26-27; Prov. 30:18-19; Isa. 40:28-31; Heb. 12:2a; Phil. 4:13; Col. 1:28-29.
 - E. While we remain in the touch with the Lord, staying in contact with the Lord, the law of the Spirit of life works automatically, spontaneously, and effortlessly:
 - We need to cease from our own struggling and striving—Gal. 2:20a; Rom. 7:15-20:
 - If we have not seen that sin is a law and that our will can never overcome this law, we are trapped in Romans 7; we will never arrive at Romans 8.
 - Paul willed again and again, but the result was only repeated failure; the best that a man can do is to make resolutions—Rom. 7:18.
 - When sin is dormant within us, it is merely sin, but when it is aroused in us by our willing to do the good, it becomes “the evil”—“I find then the law, with me who wills to do the good, because the evil is present with me”—Rom. 7:21.
 - Instead of willing, we should set our mind on the spirit and walk according to the spirit—Rom. 8:6, 4; Phil. 2:13.
 - We need to cooperate with the indwelling, installed, automatic, and inner operating God by prayer and by having a spirit of dependence, thus maintaining our fellowship with the Lord of life and the Lord of work—1 Thes. 5:17; Eph. 6:17-18.
 - We need to care for the sense of life in our spirit to remain in the fellowship of life, the flowing of the divine life, for the operation of the law of the Spirit of life—Rom. 8:6, 16; 1 John 1:2-3, 6-7.
 - F. The whole key to our living and serving in the Body of Christ is the law of the Spirit of life, which operates within us:
 - The law of the Spirit of life makes us God in life, nature, and expression but not in the Godhead, shaping us into the image of the firstborn Son of God so that we may become His corporate expression—Rom. 8:2, 29.
 - The law of the Spirit of life constitutes us the members of the Body of Christ with all kinds of functions—Eph. 4:11-12, 16.
 - G. We can cooperate with the inner operating Triune God as the law of the Spirit of life by “switching on” this law in the following ways:
 - We need to walk according to the spirit—LIVE IN THE SPIRIT— Rom. 8:4, cf. Psa. 23:3:
 - In order to live in our spirit, we need to take time to behold the Lord, praying unceasingly to fellowship with Jesus, to bathe in His countenance, to be saturated with His beauty, and to radiate His excellence—2 Cor. 3:16, 18; 1 Thes. 5:17.
 - In order to live in our spirit, we need to remain in the fellowship of the divine life to walk in the divine light—1 John 1:2-3, 6-7.
 - We can mind the things of the Spirit—SETTING OUR MIND ON THE SPIRIT—Rom. 8:5-6:
 - We need to take heed to our spirit, paying attention to the sense of our spirit, in order to not grieve the Spirit and not quench the Spirit—Mal. 2:15-16; Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19.
 - We can set our mind on the spirit by setting our mind on God’s words, which are spirit and life; to be one with the Lord to care for the church with all the saints in the inward parts of Christ Jesus—John 6:63; Isa. 55:8-11; Phil. 2:21; 1:8.
 - We can PUT TO DEATH BY THE SPIRIT THE PRACTICES OF OUR BODY—Rom. 8:13; Zech. 4:6; Gal. 5:16:
 - We must allow the Spirit to inhabit and reside in our inward being—Rom. 8:9, 11.
 - We need to remain in the church life, where the God of peace crushes Satan under our feet—Rom. 16:20; 12:1-2, 11.

G. (Cont.):

- We can **BE LED BY THE SPIRIT AS THE SONS OF GOD**—Rom. 8:14:
 - To be led by the Spirit is to take care of the inner anointing, the moving and working of the indwelling compound Spirit—1 John 2:20, 27.
 - To be led by the Spirit is to care for the rest in our spirit, being led as a captive in Christ's triumphal procession—2 Cor. 2:12-14; 7:5-6.
- We can **CRY TO THE FATHER IN THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP**—Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6:
 - When we cry "Abba, Father!", "the Spirit Him self witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God"—Rom. 8:15-16.
 - To cry "Abba, Father!" expresses the sweetness of our intimate relationship with our God—cf. Matt. 18:3.
- We can **GROAN IN THE INTERCEDING SPIRIT FOR OUR FULL SONSHIP**, which is the redemption of our body—Rom. 8:23, 26-27:
 - In our groaning the Spirit groans also, interceding for us.
 - The interceding Spirit prays for us so that we may be conformed to the image of Christ as the firstborn Son of God—Rom. 8:28-29.

II.

We can experience, enjoy, and express Christ as the One who makes us more than conquerors—Rom. 8:37:

- A. **We can love God and be constrained, restricted, motivated, compelled, impelled, and propelled by the love of Christ to more than conquer in all things**—Rom. 8:31-39:
 - By loving God, we participate in all the riches contained in God—1 Cor. 2:9-10; cf. 2 Tim. 3:2-4.
 - We need to be constrained by the love of Christ to love God and the saints with Christ as our love—2 Cor. 5:14.
- B. **"If God is for us, who can be against us?"**—Rom. 8:31; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-10:
 - "I will make an eternal covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put My fear into their hearts, so that they will not turn away from Me. And I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness with all My heart and with all My soul"—Jer. 32:40-41.
 - This eternal covenant is the new covenant; it is by this covenant that God will not turn away from us and will plant us in Christ, our good land, and Christ in all His aspects will be bought by us, that is, gained by us through our paying the price to forget the things that are behind and pursue Christ—Jer. 32:40-44; Phil. 3:8-14.
- C. **God freely gives us all things with Christ; every thing, every person, and every situation are ours, the ones who love Him, for our perfecting**—Rom. 8:28, 32; 1 Cor. 3:21-22.
- D. **Christ, having died for us and having been raised, is interceding for us at the right hand of God**—Rom. 8:34:
 - In verse 34 Christ is at the right hand of God, yet in verse 10 Christ is now in us, in our spirit—2 Tim. 4:22; cf. John 1:51; Gen. 28:11-22.
 - In Romans 8:34 it is Christ who intercedes for us, yet in verse 26 it is the Spirit who intercedes for us:
 - These are not two Intercessors but one, the Lord Spirit—2 Cor. 3:18.
 - He is interceding for us at two ends: at one end it is the Spirit in us, probably initiating the intercession for us; at the other end it is the Lord Christ at the right hand of God, probably completing the intercession for us, which must be mainly that we will be conformed to His image and brought into His glory.
- E. **No suffering, including tribulation, anguish, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword, shall separate us from the love of Christ**—Rom. 8:35.
- F. **In all the sufferings we more than conquer through Christ who loved us**—Rom. 8:37:
 - Because of God's unchanging love for us and the fact that Christ has accomplished everything on our behalf, neither tribulation nor persecution can suppress or defeat us; rather, in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.
 - The love of God is the source of His eternal salvation; this love, from which nothing can separate us, is in Christ and has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit—Rom. 8:38-39; 5:5; Jer. 31:3.
 - In God's salvation the love of God has become the love of Christ, which does many marvelous things for us through the grace of Christ until God's complete salvation is accomplished in us—Rom. 8:35; Hosea 11:4.
 - These marvelous things provoke God's enemy to attack us with all kinds of calamities, but because of our response to the love of God in Christ, these attacks have become benefits to us; hence, we more than conquer in all our afflictions and calamities—Rom. 8:35-37, 28.

Message 2: Christ as the Emancipator and as the One Who Makes Us More Than Conquerors**I. We can experience, enjoy, and express Christ as our Emancipator by the law of the Spirit of life**

[Rom. 8:2] For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

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- Every life has a law and even is a law; God's life is the highest life, and the law of this life is the highest law, which is the processed Triune God becoming the law of the Spirit of life installed in our spirit as a "scientific" law, an automatic principle; this is one of the biggest discoveries, even recoveries, in God's economy. This law is the spontaneous power and automatic function of the divine life.
- While we remain in the touch with the Lord, staying in contact with the Lord, the law of the Spirit of life works automatically, spontaneously, and effortlessly. The whole key to our living and serving in the Body of Christ is the law of the Spirit of life, which operates within us. [1 Thes. 5:17] **Unceasingly pray,**
[Rom. 8:29] Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
[Eph. 4:16] Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.
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[Rom. 8:4-6] That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit. For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace. [Rom. 8:13-16] ...If you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God...You have received a spirit of sonship in which we cry, Abba, Father! The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. [Rom. 8:23] And not only so, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.

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- No suffering, including tribulation, anguish, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword, shall separate us from the love of Christ. In all the sufferings we more than conquer through Christ who loved us. In God's salvation the love of God has become the love of Christ, which does many marvelous things for us through the grace of Christ until God's complete salvation is accomplished in us.

[Rom. 8:28] And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

[Rom. 8:31-32] ...If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?

[Rom. 8:34] Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

[Rom. 8:37-39] But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor powers nor height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The way to overcome the law of sin and of death is not to make resolutions or to struggle but to call on the Lord continually and to tell Him every day, “Lord, I love You. I want to present myself to You.” We only need to remain in Christ, to present ourselves to Him, to give Him the freedom, and to enjoy Him. In this way, He will gain our cooperation and will operate in us spontaneously and gently as the law of the Spirit of life so that we will have peace, joy, and victory.

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God’s salvation in Christ has saved us to the extent that, on the one hand, we are in God’s acceptance enjoying the source of this salvation, which is God’s love in Christ, from which we cannot be separated by any person, matter, or thing; and, on the other hand, we are in God’s life being conformed by the Lord Spirit to reach the ultimate goal of this salvation, that is, to enter into the incomparable divine glory and be glorified together with God (vv. 18, 30).

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