

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2021**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
CHAPTERS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT OF ROMANS—
THE KERNEL OF THE BIBLE**

Message Five

Saved in Life from Sin, Death, and Worldliness

Scripture Reading: Rom. 5:10; 8:2, 6; 6:18-19, 22;

Hymns, #866, #593

I. The key verse in the book of Romans is 5:10: “If we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled”:

- A. God’s full salvation revealed in Romans consists of two sections: one section is the redemption accomplished for us by Christ’s death, and the other section is the saving afforded us by Christ’s life.
- B. The first four chapters of this book discourse comprehensively regarding the redemption accomplished by Christ’s death, whereas the last twelve chapters speak in detail concerning the saving afforded by Christ’s life.
- C. Redemption, justification, and reconciliation, which are accomplished outside of us by the death of Christ, redeem us objectively; sanctification, transformation, and conformation, which are accomplished within us by the working of Christ’s life, save us subjectively.

II. We need to be saved in life from the law of sin and of death by the law of the Spirit of life—8:2:

- A. Paul made a great discovery in receiving the revelation of the Triune God being processed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to become the law of the Spirit of life (as an automatic principle and spontaneous power) installed in our spirit—vv. 2-3, 11, 34, 16:
 - 1. A Christian should not live by the power of his will but by the power of the inner law of the Spirit of resurrection life in his spirit; this law possesses the greatest power; it overcomes death, transcends death, and is not bound by death—7:17-20; Matt. 26:41; Eph. 1:19-23; Col. 1:28-29; 2 Cor. 1:8-9; John 11:25; Heb. 7:16; Acts 2:24; Rev. 1:18.
 - 2. If we have not seen that sin and death are a law in us and that our will can never overcome this law, we are trapped in Romans 7; we will never arrive at Romans 8.
 - 3. Every life has a law and even is a law; God’s life is the highest life, and the law of the Spirit of life is the highest law—Prov. 30:19a; Deut. 32:11-12; Isa. 40:30-31.
 - 4. The divine birth has transferred us into a new realm, the realm of the divine life with its law in our spirit, a realm in which there is no sin, world, or flesh:
 - a. In this realm all victories are unconscious and effortless because the law of the Spirit of life is upholding us, not our own will.
 - b. We have the law of the Spirit of life indwelling our spirit as the presence of God, the speaking of God, the meeting with God, and the dispensing of God—Heb. 8:10; Rom. 3:25; Exo. 25:22.

5. We can cooperate with the installed and inner operating law of the Spirit of life by exercising our spirit to “switch on” this law; apart from the “switch” of our spirit, we have no way to apply the processed Triune God as the “heavenly electricity” in us, but praise the Lord that we have a switch and that we know where it is—Prov. 20:27; Zech. 12:1; Phil. 2:12-13; Rom. 8:2, 4-6, 13-16, 23; 5:10, 17; 1 Tim. 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:22.
 6. The best way to switch on the divine and mystical current of the flowing Spirit in our spirit is to call on the name of the Lord Jesus and tell Him that we love Him, enjoying His embracing us so that we might cling to Him—1 Cor. 12:3b; Rom. 10:12-13; Psa. 18:1; 91:14-15; 116:1; 2 Cor. 11:2-3; Hab. 1:1; Phil. 3:12.
 7. When we contact the Spirit through the exercise of our spirit, we enjoy Christ in unsearchably myriad and rich aspects—Eph. 3:8:
 - a. “Freed within the spirit / From self-righteousness, / From self-condemnation, / And self-consciousness.”
 - b. “Freed within the spirit / From self-will and pride, / From self-love and glory, / All to override.”
 - c. “Exercise the spirit, / Victory to claim / By the blood which cleanses / And the mighty name.”
 - d. “Exercise the spirit / Thus to touch the Lord; / Ever by the spirit / Take Him thru His Word.”
 - e. “It is by the spirit / Christ is testified; / It is by the spirit / Man is satisfied.”
 - f. “Exercise the spirit! / This is what we need! / Exercise the spirit! / May the Lord so lead!” (*Hymns*, #866, stanzas 5-10).
- B. Paul was a person who switched on the law of the Spirit of life by serving God in his spirit out of his first love for the Lord—Rom. 1:9; 5:5; 8:35-39; Rev. 2:4:
1. To love the Lord with the first love is to give Him the first place in all things and in all matters, regarding Him as everything in our life—Col. 1:18b, 10.
 2. When God comes into us and comes out of us, that is our service to Him; we work together with Christ in the churches, where we render our first love to Him—S. S. 7:12; 2 Cor. 6:1a; Phil. 3:3; Mark 12:30.
 3. When we love the Lord with the first love, we do the first works—works that issue from and express the first love; only those works that are motivated by the first love are gold, silver, and precious stones—Rev. 2:4-5; 1 Cor. 3:12; 15:10, 58.
 4. Christ’s love of affection constrains us to live to Him and to die to Him—2 Cor. 5:14-15; Rom. 14:7-9.
- C. “The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace”—8:6:
1. “In the flesh I need no effort to express / Marks of Adam’s nature and its sinfulness. / In the spirit I need not to strive or strain; / I can live as He is and in spirit reign.”
 2. “Minding just the spirit, is God’s saving way; / Minding just the spirit, Christ we will display. / Minding just the spirit, we can overcome; / Minding just the spirit, we the race may run.”
 3. “Minding just the spirit, we the cross will know, / And His resurrection pow’r through us will flow; / Minding just the spirit, Christ will live through me, / And His life within will reach maturity.”
 4. “In the spirit Christ is life and all to me, / Strengthening and blessing all-inclusively; / Living in the spirit, holiness I prove, / And the Triune God within my heart doth move” (*Hymns*, #593, stanzas 3, 5-7).

III. We need to be saved in life from worldliness:

- A. When man fell, his whole person became fully soaked with the element of the world; thus, we need to cooperate with the indwelling, sanctifying Spirit by presenting our members as slaves to righteousness, which ushers us into sanctification; we will be made holy spontaneously in our inward parts by Christ's saturating—Rom. 6:18-19, 22.
- B. After leaving God's presence (Gen. 4:16), Cain constructed a city for his protection and self-existence; within this city he produced a worldly culture without God (v. 17):
 - 1. In the garden God was everything to man—his protection, maintenance, supply, and amusement; when man lost God, he lost everything.
 - 2. Man's loss of God forced man to invent a worldly human culture, the main elements of which were cities for existence, cattle-raising for making a living, music for amusement, and weapons for defense—vv. 20-22.
 - 3. It is only by receiving a revelation of the nature, significance, and result of life in the world and a revelation of God's attitude toward such a life that we can truly become detached from the world and hate the worldly life—1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4.
 - 4. To God, worldliness is worse than sinfulness; sinfulness is against God's righteousness, whereas worldliness is against God's holiness, which is higher than His righteousness.
- C. God created man to live on the earth for the fulfillment of His purpose, but His enemy, Satan, in order to usurp the God-created man, formed an anti-God world system on this earth by systematizing men with religion, culture, education, industry, commerce, entertainment, etc., through men's fallen nature, in their lusts, pleasures, and pursuits, and even in their indulgence in necessities for their living, such as food, clothing, housing, and transportation:
 - 1. The whole of such a satanic system lies in the evil one (1 John 5:19; cf. Eph. 6:12); not loving such a world is the ground for overcoming the evil one (cf. 1 Pet. 3:3-4; Rev. 2:12-13a, 17); loving it just a little gives the evil one the ground to defeat and occupy us.
 - 2. Anything that possesses us and usurps us in order to prevent us from gaining God, being gained by God, flowing out God, and expressing God for the building of God is the world (cf. Phil. 3:8, 12; 2 Cor. 4:7; Acts 20:24; 1 Pet. 4:11; 1 Cor. 10:31; 3:9); the world is Satan's mask that he uses to deceive us and cheat us; the world is that which is more than we need for our living.
- D. A great factor of division is worldliness; as long as we love the world in a certain aspect, that aspect of worldliness becomes a cause of division; the believers are built up into one in the Triune God through sanctification from the satanic world by the holy word—John 17:14-21; 1 John 2:15-17; 5:19:
 - 1. God's living word works in the believers to separate them from anything worldly and saves them from a nature that is soaked with the element of the world.
 - 2. If we continually touch the Word and allow the Spirit to touch us day by day, we will be sanctified, separated from the world unto God; we will move out of ourselves, our old lodging place, and into the Triune God, our new lodging place.
- E. Praise and thank the Lord that in Christ, "the ruler of the world...has nothing" (no ground, no chance, no hope, and no possibility in anything—John 14:30); because this One is in our spirit, our regenerated spirit (3:6) does not practice sin (1 John 3:9) and overcomes the world (5:4)!