

Gospel Resilience (A Series on Romans 5 – 8)

“3 Essential Truths that Redefine Our Identity”

Romans 8:1-17

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1. We are not _____. (Romans 8:1-4)

2 ways we live in condemnation:

• We emphasize the _____ over the internal.

• We _____ our sin.

Coveting is a sin of the heart, and that makes it a lot harder to _____.

2. You have been _____. (Romans 8:5-13)

4. Looking at the 5 Selves: what kind of situations do these practiced responses pop up?

5. Read Romans 8:11. What is Paul saying in regard to what is available to the person who is focused on self?

6. Read Romans 8:14-17. How does the adoption metaphor, being a co-heir with Christ, help you in your understanding of what produces a resilient faith?

7. What are ways you as a group or individuals can join in Christ's sufferings with the hope of a glorious future?

The 5 Selves:

- Self-_____. I am in charge.
- Self-_____. I want the credit.
- Self-_____. My comfort over God's will.
- Self-_____. Working to prove worth.
- Self-_____. I am all I need.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

3. You have been _____. (Romans 8:14-17)

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. How would you describe someone that focuses on the external? Someone that normalizes sin?

3. Read Romans 8:1-4. What do these verses have to say to the person who focuses on the external and/or normalizes sin?