

# December 1 Discussion Questions - Nature

Romans 8:1-13

## *Review*

**MAIN POINT: Believers have three NEW realities that result from the work of Christ.**

**A. Our new position in Christ frees us from the penalty of sin.**

- a. Our previous position in sin left us in bondage to its power (7:21-24).
- b. We are free to no longer listen to the condemning voice of sin (8:1-2).
- c. Forgiveness in Christ necessitates freedom in Christ (8:4)

**B. Our new provision from Christ unites us with the power of His Spirit.**

- a. The Spirit, not the flesh, is the dominating presence in our lives (8:9).
- b. The Spirit makes us willing and able to overcome sin (8:2).

**C. Our new practice with Christ is to live as directed by His Spirit.**

- a. Putting to death the deeds of the flesh (8:13).
- b. Renewing our minds in the Word of God (8:5-6).
- c. Choosing to please the Spirit (8:4).

## *Connect*

1. Describe a past boss you disliked and one you liked. How did you feel working under each one?
2. How is our past relationship to the Law and our new relationship to Jesus different? Is it similar to being under a new boss?

## *Read Romans 8:1-13*

## *Discuss*

3. What results from our new position “in Christ?”
4. How is it that forgiveness in Christ naturally leads into freedom in Christ? What role does the Spirit play in this?
5. In what ways is the Law good and in what ways in the Law lacking?
6. Why do we need a spiritual transformation and not just a behavioral modification?
7. What does it mean to “put to death the deeds of the flesh?” Why is it important in our fight against sin?

## *Apply*

8. How have you listened to the condemning voice of sin? How does the greater voice of Jesus’ victory speak a better word over it?
9. Jason said that the “bent” of our heart changes away from sin and towards holiness when the Spirit transforms our hearts. How have you seen the “bent” of your heart change?
10. What practice of living “by the Spirit” do you most need to develop?

- a. Putting to death the deeds of the flesh
- b. Renewing our minds in the Word of God
- c. Choosing to please the Spirit
- d. Other ways to fight sin?

***Pray***

11. Have each person share a way they can better fight sin according to the Spirit this week. Then commit each person's desired plan to the Lord in prayer.