

Sermon questions for Sunday June 5th from Romans 8:1-4
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1. Read Romans 7:21-8:4. Describe what Paul feels about himself in 7:24. Why do you think he felt this way?
2. How do Christians often feel when they are defeated by sin? Have you ever felt like Paul did? How did it affect you? Your relationships? Your walk with God?
3. What does Paul say in 7:25 that he realized about victory over his sin? What difference would it make if Christians stayed in 7:24 and never moved on to 7:25?
4. In 8:1-3 Paul describes why he was thankful for Christ in 7:25. What does 8:1 say we should know when struggling with sin? What does this verse imply Christians can be tempted to feel about God's view of them when they sin and fail?
5. The first thing God wanted Christians struggling with sin (7:24) to know was the biblical truth of their justification. They are justified and loved by God despite their struggle with sin. Why do you think it is important to think biblically not emotionally when struggling with sin?
6. Why do you think in 8:1 God wanted us to know we are NOW (at the time when struggling with sin – 7:24) not condemned?
7. What does 8:2 tell us is the reason we are not condemned? What is the tense of the verb "has set you free"? Is it past, present, or future?
8. What does 8:3 tell us about HOW God has justified us? Read each phrase and describe what it says about how we were freed from sin and death.
9. What part of this was done by us and what part by God? Why do you think a Christian struggling with sin needs to know this?
10. What does 1 John 1:9 say we should do when we sin? Why?
11. What does 1 John 2:1-2 tell us about WHY God is faithful to forgive us in 1:9?
12. How does it affect you knowing Christ is your perfect advocate and He is the reason you are justified? If you didn't know this, what could be your feelings about God be when you sin?
13. Read Psalm 32. How does it encourage you? What does it prompt you to do if you sin?