

A person is sitting on a dark, grassy hill in the foreground, looking out over a vast landscape. In the background, a large mountain range is visible under a bright blue sky. The sun is rising behind the mountains, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene with a warm, golden light. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

THE ABUNDANT LIFE:

A New Way
of Living

Romans 8:1-17

But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Romans 7:6

Jesus + Nothing = Everything

A New Way of Living

1) A New Freedom

¹Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus, ² because through
Christ Jesus **the law of the Spirit**
Who gives life has set you free from
the **law of sin and death.**

No condemnation goes hand-in-hand with **justification.**

**Therefore, since we have been
justified through faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ**

Romans 5:1

When the enemy tries to discourage you by bringing up your past and current failures, **OWN the promise of “**No Condemnation**”.**

If you can't let go of the **guilt and shame** of past mistakes, you are missing the **gift of grace**.

³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the **likeness of sinful flesh** to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:3-4

Jesus's sacrifice has not only removed the blemish, burden, and penalty of our sins, but He became our sins so that we wouldn't have to suffer the wrath of God.

**Freedom in Christ is not a freedom
to sin, but a freedom from sin.
Obedience to God springs from
faith**

A New Way of Living

1) A New Freedom

2) A New Mindset

⁵ Those who live **according to the flesh** have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in **accordance with the Spirit** have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the **flesh is death**, but the mind governed by the **Spirit is life and peace.**

⁷ The mind governed by the **flesh is hostile to God**; it **does not submit** to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the **realm of the flesh cannot please** God.

Romans 8: 5-8

There are only two mindsets for people. We can either be on mission with God or at enmity with Him.

**The person who is at enmity with
God is disinterested in God.**

attitude vs. actions

The **mindset** of those in the Spirit is
one of **empowerment** for obedience
to the pleasure and glory of God.

A New Way of Living

- 1) A New Freedom
- 2) A New Mindset
- 3) A New Indwelling Presence

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the **Spirit of God lives in you**. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

Evidence of the Spirit

**love, joy, peace,
forbearance,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness and
self-control.**

Evidence of the Flesh

**sexual immorality,
impurity, debauchery,
idolatry, witchcraft,
hatred, discord,
jealousy, fits of rage,
selfish ambition,
dissensions, factions,
envy, drunkenness,
orgies, and the like.**

¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of **righteousness**.

¹¹ 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: 9-11

The **source** of a believer's joy and peace **IS** the indwelling presence of the **Holy Spirit** inside of them.

A New Way of Living

- 1) A New Freedom
- 2) A New Mindset
- 3) A New Indwelling Presence
- 4) A New Obligation

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters,
we have an obligation—but it is not
to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³
For if you live according to the
flesh, **you will die**; but if by the
Spirit you put to death the
misdeeds of the body, **you will live.**

The **believer's obligation** is to live
according to the Spirit's Holy
desires.

Take **delight in the Lord**, and He will
give you **the desires of your heart**.
Psalm 34:7

**“Many people think you have to
give up pleasure to pursue holiness,
but you actually find pleasure in
pursuit.”**

- Tony Merida

A New Way of Living

- 1) A New Freedom
- 2) A New Mindset
- 3) A New Indwelling Presence
- 4) A New Obligation
- 5) A New Identity

**For those who are led by the Spirit
of God are the **children of God.****

Romans 8: 14

If you are a **follower of Jesus**, you
have been **adopted** into God's royal
family with all the rights and
privileges of a natural child...**even
more so!**

⁶Because you **are His sons**, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ So **you are no longer a slave, but God’s child**; and since you are His child, God has made you also **an heir**.

Galatians 4:6-7

If you get your **identity** right, then
you get your **community** right, and
only then can you get your **purpose**
right!

A New Way of Living

- 1) A New Freedom
- 2) A New Mindset
- 3) A New Indwelling Presence
- 4) A New Obligation
- 5) A New Identity
- 6) A New Intimacy

¹⁵ The Spirit you received **does not make you slaves**, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received **brought about your adoption to sonship**. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Romans 8: 15-16

If you **aren't a follower of Christ**, you
might view God as a Judge that you
need to fear.

**Adopted children of God aren't
interested in **using God**, but in
adoring Him!**

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- 3) A New Indwelling Presence
- 4) A New Obligation
- 5) A New Identity
- 6) A New Intimacy
- 7) A New Inheritance

Now if we are **children**, then we are
heirs—**heirs of God** and **co-heirs**
with Christ, if indeed we share in His
sufferings in order that we may also
share in His **glory**.

Romans 8:17

**We are just travelers in this world.
There will be times of happiness
and times of suffering, but . . .**

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Glory is Coming!!!

Don't just believe in the **idea** of a
“New Way of Living”, but let it
change **your heart**, shape **your**
worldview, and **propel you** to a life
on mission with God.