THE SPIRIT OF LIFE HAS SET YOU FREE

Romans 8:1–17

Key Verse: 8:2

1. Note how Paul has used the word “condemnation” (5:16,18). How does the struggle he just described relate to this condemnation? (7:13–25) What does he proclaim “now”? (1) How does this change happen in us? (2) What is “the law of the Spirit of life”? “The law of sin and death”?
2. What did God do that the law never could? (3a; 7:5) What does it mean that God sent “his own Son…in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin”? (3b; cf. 2Co5:21) How can “the righteous requirement of the law…be fulfilled in us? (4)
3. What are the basic tendencies of “flesh” and “the Spirit”? (5) What are their contrasting outcomes? (6) Why does the mind set on the flesh lead to death? (7,8) What does it mean to be “in the flesh”?
4. Why are all true Christians “in the Spirit”? (9) What happens at our conversion? (10) What hope does the indwelling Spirit give us? (11) In light of this, what should we do, and what does this mean? (12,13)
5. In verses 14–17 what else does the Spirit do for us? What can we learn here about what it means to be children of God?