

Romans 8 v 5 -11

*5Those 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. 6The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.*

*9You, 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. 10But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11And 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.*

Roman's chapter 8 begins with a declaration that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. This passage concentrates on the nature of the new life we can live as a consequence of that. It is a life led by the Spirit, rather than the old nature.

1. Look at Acts Chapter 1 vs 8-9, what promise did Jesus make about the Holy Spirit?
2. In our passage, what does Paul (the author) say about the choice Christians have in how we live our lives?
3. In Paul's writings he often talks about the struggle Christians have between living the old life and living the new life. Where does this passage suggest that battle is going to be won or lost?
4. What does our passage suggest might motivate us to get this right?
5. What does this passage say about the way in which God guides and leads us? Is it a Master – Slave relationship or more of a Parent – Child relationship? Why do we think that?
6. How are we taking advantage of that relationship at this difficult time?