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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS



Sanctification Week of Oct. 15

THE MAIN POINT

The Holy Spirit sanctifies (makes you holy) by bringing you to faith in Christ, so that you might live a new and godly life.

KEY TEACHINGS

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to lead a godly life.
- The godly life naturally follows faith in Jesus, who says "If you remain in me and I in you, you *will* bear much fruit."
- Struggles with the godly life reflect the Holy Spirit at work in us, forgiving us when we fall, picking us up to walk anew in Jesus' light, refining our faith through affliction.

Weekly Bible Readings

Monday – Romans 13:1-7

Tuesday – Romans 13:8-14

Wednesday – Romans 14:1-8

Thursday – Romans 14:9-12

Friday – Romans 14:13-23

Reflect

Q: In baptism you died to sin. What does such a death to sin say about the prevailing power at work in your new life of faith?

Q: How is slavery to Christ freedom from sin?

Q: You are both "sinner and saint," declared righteous yet unable not to sin. What does this struggle say to you? See Romans 8:15-17

Q: Luther says "there is no forgiveness without renewal of life," just as Jesus says "you will bear much fruit." What are the marks of a Christian life?

Q: What does the Spirit desire of you? See Gal. 5:22-25

Key Quotes:

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

"There is no justification without sanctification, no forgiveness without renewal of life, no real faith from which the fruits of new obedience do not grow." – Martin Luther

"Conversion does not make us perfect, but it does catapult us into a total experience of discipleship that affects—and infects—every sphere of our living." –Richard J. Foster

"There are three things which the true Christian desires in respect to sin:

- Justification, that sin may not condemn,
- Sanctification, that sin may not rein,
- Glorification, that sin may not be." – Richard Cecil

SERMON NOTES:
