

Under the Influence

Message Notes

Intro

- The first 7 books of Romans:
 - **Law** - 3:20 - “No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.”
 - **Sin** - 3:23 - “We all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”
 - **Death** - 6:23 - “For the wages of sin is death”
 - **I** - Paul mentions “I” 40 times in Romans 7 alone!
- Drastic shift
 - From Law to Spirit
 - From Sin to Victory
 - From Death to Life
 - From I to **SPIRIT**
- The importance of the Spirit in the life of the believer:
 - He’s not given NEARLY the focus that He deserves or that we require.
 - Whatever your relationship with the Holy Spirit is, I’m telling you, there’s more!
 - Under the Influence
 - Taking pre-workout supplement
 - Celcius
 - The believers life become

The Spirit’s Role

1. He’s a LIBERATING Spirit

1. Romans 8:1–30 (NLT) — 1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. 2 And because you belong to him, **the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you** from the power of sin that leads to death. 3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.
2. Liberated **from condemnation**
 1. No Judgement, no shame.
3. Liberated **from the law of sin and death**

1. A vicious cycle that is like a law of physics, you sin, you die!
4. Liberated from sin's control
2. **He's a GUIDING Spirit**
 1. Romans 8:5 **Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.** 7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. 9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.
 2. You choose your master
 3. Dominated by the sinful nature
 1. Thinks about sinful things
 2. Hostile to God
 3. Never obeys God's law
 4. Never please God
 4. Guided by the Holy Spirit
 1. He guides our thoughts
 2. He guides our convictions
 3. He guides our steps
3. **He's a STRENGTHENING Spirit**
 1. Romans 8:11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, **he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.** 12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if **through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.**
 2. Quicken you
 1. Spiritually
 2. Physically
 3. Empowered to put sinful deeds to death!
 1. You must be the one to kill sinful deeds
 2. He will give you the strength
 3. Possibly Ol' Yellow
4. **He's an AFFIRMING Spirit**
 1. Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 **For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.**
 2. Roman adoption
 1. man-kip-AY-tee-oh
 2. Three times bought and sold, third time biological father lost all rights.
 3. Witnessed by others

5. He a **PRAYING** Spirit

1. Romans 8:26 **And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. 28** And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

1. I believe that He intercedes for us at all times
2. I believe He intercedes through us!

Ending:

- The Holy Spirit is the convicter. He convicts of sin! He moves upon our conscience to let us know when we are not acting as children of God
- He will lead you to salvation!