Psalm 119:9-16 (NKJV)
9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.
10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments!
11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.
12 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.
13 With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.
16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Week 1

Week 2

Adoption into royalty & inheritance

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Free gift & work based inheritance

Inheritance in Scripture is something that is not common to every believer, all believers are not equally heirs of God and of Christ. (Do we see it in our last study)
Meaning an inheritance of the kingdom of God is not equivalent to getting eternal life and going into heaven.

Inherit is based on:
- **Adoption**
- **Sonship**
- **Work**

It's based on **works**

Faith alone in Christ alone

Justification / salvation is a free gift:

Here the gospel doesn't say that you can have eternal life if you suffer with Jesus. That's not much of a **free gift**. If the gospel is not by works but by grace, then it's a **free gift** and we simply accept the gift. We believe on Jesus. We don't have to do anything. There's no condition.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; It is the **gift** of God,
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 5:1-10 (NKJV)
1 Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;
4 And perseverance, character; and character, hope.
5 Now hope does not make ashamed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
6 For when we were still without strength, in the proper time Christ died for the ungodly.
7 For hardly for a righteous man will someone die; yet perhaps for a good man someone might even dare to die.
8 But God proves His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
9 Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we will be saved from wrath through Him.
10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by His life.

Your believer, Jesus have a choice:
- Your sin choice to obey, destroy, which results in life.
- Your sin choice to obey the Holy Spirit, which results in eternal life in a resurrected body.

True faith, believe, and an unbeliever, anyone whose mind is set on the sin nature, whose life is energized by the sin nature, is Dead in their sins.

Romans 8:6-8 (NKJV)
6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can it be.
8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

The death being spiritually minded

JOHN 10:10 (NKJV)
10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The law of God is the instructions of the New Testament.

7 uses of death in Scripture

There's **physical death**.
Rarely spiritual death (which is that of every unbelieving man, who has been physically alive and spiritually dead).
There's **eternal death**.
There's **spiritual death**, which we're identified with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
There's **moral death** (Moral condemnation).
There's **sexual death**. These are some of the differentiations in Scripture.
There's **ceremonial death**, for the believer who lives according to the instruction. He will die he will not be able to produce anything that has eternal value.

Pick a death, behind Jesus is

Paul is talking to the believer, to those who have been justified

Whether a believer gets into Jesus' resurrection, he is carnally minded, he is made inactive, he

To have a believer understand this distinction between life and death and being spiritually minded

We should always take great care to obey God's word, God's way.

A wrong thing done in the right way is wrong.
A right thing done in the wrong way is wrong.
Only a right thing done in the right way is right.

Colossians 2:13 (NKJV)
13 And you, being **dead** in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Romans 8:9-13 (NKJV)
9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.
10 And if Christ is in you, the body is **dead** because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the **dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the **dead** will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors - not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

Romans 8:12 (NKJV)
12 For if you live according to the flesh **you will die**; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Not eternal death

A core idea and the concept of **death** is separation.

So the believer is to separate himself from the deeds of the flesh or body

This only occurs through making decisions that "I'm not going to respond that way" "I'm not going to give into these negative thoughts" "I'm going to apply 1 Corinthians 6:1a-7 to this situation."

Romans 7 teaches that the law is **not** a means of **sanctification**. The law **does not** bring in its own **life**. It **does** bring in the knowledge of sin, the knowledge of what is holy, righteous and things, material all things, material all things.

So many pastors and their churches are stuck, having been persuaded that all their God lets and Jesus lets, along with their good feelings and satisfaction, that salvation is a free gift.

True due to their emotional good feelings and their Christian Origin, and their if their church is prospering financially, and if they are secure that God is somehow pleased and has blessed their church, and they somehow have a bit of an upper hand with their superior knowledge of Scripture.

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At the point of salvation everyone becomes a child of God.

At the point of salvation everyone is a baby.

Through our willingness to be fed over a period of time we become sons of God.

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12 So then, brethren, we are debtors - not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Notice

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are **sons of God**.

The ones who follow are actively being led by the Spirit.
They are doing what the Spirit says to do and they are following those steps.
Those verses.
Those protocols laid down in the Word for us to go forward.
The ones who do this over a period of time, reach maturity and they're called "sons of God".

Mature Christians

Babies, Notice, or cue, in Mark 4:28 - 4. LN 36.39 believer

It's a technical word in the Greek, (Notice)
It's not a baby. It's not an infant, it's not a child but it's **mature son**.
So here, Paul begins to talk about what, of two different kinds of maturity in the lives of believers.
1. A son here is destiny as a believer that is mature or a bloom or
2. Destiny as a believer who is a success, and identified in the seven letters to the seven churches in Revelation as **an overcomer believer**.

Don't want to make the common mistake of reading into the seven letters in Revelation 2-3.

Sonship

John 1:12 NKJV
12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons** of God, even to them that believe on his name:
John 1:13 NKJV
13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
children
Contrast
To those who believe in his name:

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