

Romans 8:3-14

**DOES YOUR JESUS
NEED TO BE
PROPPED UP?**

THE LOVE OF GOD

- ◎ Romans 8:3
- ◎ The Nearness of God's Love
 - God is not into L-D-Rs!
 - He chose to make our problem, His problem!
- ◎ The Power of God's Love
 - Destroyed the power of that vicious cycle by living a spiritually “clean and healthy” life
 - Offers that same powerful life blood to us

“EXISTING” AND “WALKING”

- ⦿ Romans 8:4
- ⦿ Not: “... in us who existed”
but: “... in us who walk”
- ⦿ To have existed, I only need a birth certificate
- ⦿ To walk I need to be alive...
I need to make choices to take one step, then another step, then the next, etc.
- ⦿ *Your choices come from your mindset* – what your mind is set on (Romans 8:5)

WALKING AFTER THE FLESH

- Summary: “I do the things I please” (Galatians 5:17)
- *If you make decisions in your life based on what you think is best for you, you’re walking according to the flesh*
(Galatians 5:16)
- You’re truly set free from the Law only when you are living in submission to the Holy Spirit
(Galatians 5:18)

THE RISEN JESUS

- The disciples did not have to fake Christ's resurrection (Acts 2:24,32)
- The same resurrection power is poured into us in the form of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11)
- *When you call yourself a "Christian", what you're actually saying is, "the power that raised Christ from the dead now dwells inside of me!"* (Romans 8:9)
- Does your Jesus need to be propped up?

THE TWO MINDSETS

Our constant choice:

1. Walk according to the Spirit...
... results in life and peace (v6,13)
 2. Walk after the flesh...
... results in death (v6,13)
- ◎ The Devil immediately whispers:
“You surely shall not die” (Genesis 3:4)

THE TWO TREES

- The choices we face (Genesis 2:9,16-17)



The Knowledge of Good and Evil

- Walking according to the flesh
- I know what's right and wrong in my life



Life

- Walking according to the Spirit of life
- *I am constantly dependent on the life of the Spirit to direct and empower my life*

These are who will be God's sons (Rom 8:14)