

**Series on Romans for Airdrie Baptist Church, Autumn 2021**

**Session 6. Romans 8:1-39**

**True Implication: Justification is a Spiritual Truth**

In this section Paul develops a true image of the believer's position, obligation, anticipation and motivation in Christ under grace through faith. It is a *position of righteousness*, vouchsafed by the Holy Spirit. It is an *obligation of gratitude* communicated by the Holy Spirit. It is in *anticipation* of the glory that the future holds. It is a *motivation of encouragement*, mediated by the Holy Spirit, through whom we are affirmed in our own spirit that we are truly beloved of God.

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| <b>A.</b> | <b><i>Position: God dealt with fleshly sin in the flesh of Christ</i></b> | <b>8:1-11</b>  |
| 1.        | The Law demanded death for sin, Christ died in the flesh for sin          | 8:1-4          |
| 2.        | God's Spirit brings life, the flesh brings death                          | 8:5-8          |
| 3.        | The power of God's Spirit gives us new life                               | 8:9-11         |
| <b>B.</b> | <b><i>Obligation: God adopts in Spirit those who believe</i></b>          | <b>8:12-17</b> |
| 1.        | Our obligation is to obey the Spirit                                      | 8:12-13        |
| 2.        | Because we are born of God by adoption                                    | 8:14-17        |
| <b>C.</b> | <b><i>Anticipation: The Spirit prompts us to long for perfection</i></b>  | <b>8:18-25</b> |
| 1.        | All creation groans in anticipation of something better                   | 8:18-22        |
| 2.        | We also anticipate the time when our flesh is redeemed                    | 8:23-25        |
| <b>D.</b> | <b><i>Motivation: The Spirit manages our relationship to God</i></b>      | <b>8:26-30</b> |
| 1.        | When we don't know what we need, He still gets it right                   | 8:26-27        |
| 2.        | Because we are chosen by God, He ensures our future                       | 8:28-30        |
| 3.        | Our relationship to God is therefore secure                               | 8:31-39        |