

Sermon Series: Romans

Sermon Text: Romans 8:12-13 The Mortification of Sin

Because the Spirit gives you life with Christ, you can and must mortify sin to live.

1) The nature of mortification

- a) “put to death the deeds of the body” (8:13)— present/continuous tense “keep putting to death”
- b) Not the eradication of indwelling sin
- c) The constant suppression and weakening of indwelling sin
- d) **Application:** Sin is resilient.

2) The subject of mortification

- a) “So then, brothers, we” (8:12)
 - i) Not the Holy Spirit
 - ii) Not unbelievers
 - iii) Believers indwelt by the Spirit
- b) **Application:** Keep a close watch on yourself.

3) The Author of mortification

- a) “by/in the Spirit” (8:13)—taught by and depending on the Spirit
- b) **Application:** God is with you.

4) The necessity of mortification

- a) “debtors” (v. 12)—obligation
 - i) “not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh”
 - ii) implied: “but to the Spirit, to live according to the Spirit”
- b) “For if you live according to the flesh you will die” (8:13a)—ultimate death
- c) “but, if . . . you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live” (8:13b)—ultimate life
- d) **Application:** This is not legalism.

Doxology: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every Spiritual blessing in the heavenly places! (Ephesians 1:3)