

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Blessings of Following Jesus

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | Romans 8:1-17

Ice Breaker: What is the best gift you ever received and why?

Understand the story:

Compare the "law of the Spirit of life" and the "law of sin and death" in this passage. What are their key differences, and how does the Spirit's law set believers free?

How do "flesh" and "Spirit" function as two distinct governing powers in this passage?

Connect to His Story:

How did God accomplish what the law could not do, according to verses 3-4? Why was the law powerless to bring salvation?

How does knowing your future inheritance in Christ change the way you view your current struggles?

Apply to Our Story:

Read Galatians 5:13. How do we live in our freedom? What does a free person look like?

Do you see yourself as free in Christ? If not, what makes it hard to see yourself in Christ?

Accountability:

Have you ever struggled with feeling condemned despite being in Christ? How does this passage reassure you of your standing before God?

How are you currently walking "according to the Spirit" in your daily life? Are there areas where you feel more led by the flesh?

Parenting Moment:

Talk to your kids about the gifts they will receive at Christmas. Share with them how the gifts they receive are wonderful, but the real gift is Christ. Make a list with your kids of all the gifts God has given them and thank the Lord together.