

PMC SERMON “LIVE IT OUT GUIDE”

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Text : Romans 6-8
 Title : The God Who Lives in Us
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 Series: The Gospel I Love

[For Group Leaders: The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according to the needs of your group.]

1. SERMON RECAP

(Visit pmc.org.sg to listen to the sermon and download a copy of the Power point slides)

- a. Salvation is a process that begins with justification (by faith in Christ alone), continues with sanctification (by obedience to His Holy Spirit of Grace that empowers and includes faith and works) and ends with glorification (by the power of God alone).
- b. Our Messiah came to save us from our sin and also to teach us to walk perfectly in God’s Laws.
- c. We were justified that we may walk as Jesus walked. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus daily in obedience results in our sanctification.

Sinful Nature

Law

Plough Regulations + Statutes

Result Sin + Death

We were yoked to the sinful nature and it is stronger than us.

The plough of the Law’s regulations will go off the mark in our hearts and this is SIN ‘the breaking of the Law’ Sin will yield Death

The Law is good and knows what is right but it is powerless to help us

THIS IS THE SUMMARY OF ROMANS 6-7
 Please note that Romans 8:2 indicates that Paul is talking about two different Laws – one is God’s Law and it is good. The other is the law of sin and death that Christ destroyed.

Spirit of Grace That Empowers Us

Christ My Master

Plough The Perfect Law

Result Obedience + Life

The Spirit of Truth proceeds from Him and leads us to all Truth. He guides us as the Stronger One. As we Obey His Leading, Life results – Spirit Life!

The Law now serves Christ, it will not go wrong for it is perfect – it is the plough that holds our yoke to Him so we can walk as He does! Further we have a new heart.

Who is Greater – The Law or the Giver of the Law? So Jesus paid the penalty for us and became our Master

THIS IS THE SUMMARY OF ROMANS 8 (cf Matt 11:28-30)

Put to death my flesh

Got yoked to the Spirit of Grace

Accepted Christ as Master

That kept me from walking the straight path of the Perfect Law The stony heart is removed

That empowered me to walk the straight path of the Perfect Law The heart of flesh is given

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED AT OUR JUSTIFICATION

2. LIVE IT OUT

- a. The speaker taught that the way to be victorious in overcoming sins is to focus on the Lord instead of the sins. Discuss and list some ways to focus on the Lord when we are tempted by sins.
- b. Encourage each other and praise the Lord by sharing one of your past struggles with sin and your experience in overcoming it. (Break into groups of 2-3 if need be)
- c. The best Gospel preached is the Gospel lived out. Think about someone you personally know, in whose life the Gospel was lived out for real. Share with the group how he/she impacted you.
- d. You have been praying for at least one person whose name God has placed upon your heart this year. Update the group of any recent encounters or opportunities to bless the person.

3. PRAY

- a. Have you been struggling with deeply rooted sins that somehow prevented you from living a victorious life for God?
 - i. Confess this to the Lord. Pray to the Lord to lead you to someone and share with him/her your struggles, and to enable this person to support you in prayer and accountability.
- b. Take some time to pray for one or more of the following items:
 - i. Humanitarian crisis and growth of extremism in Syria, Iraq, and Nigeria.
 - ii. Israel – for peace, and the salvation of Jews
 - iii. The Singapore government
 - iv. PMC, and her pastors and leaders
 - v. Your very own group leader/s.

4. GOING DEEPER

- a. We remember that the Old Testament Laws are God's Laws.
>> They are eternal – He doesn't change, neither does His Word or His Laws.
>> Jesus obeyed His Father, so the Law of God cannot be legalistic. Instead, they protect our lives (read Matt 5:17-20).

What are some wrong perceptions of God's Laws that we come across these days? Google "antinomianism" and "hypergrace".

(Note: Just because some of the Old Testament Laws seem far removed from our time and culture doesn't mean they are no longer valid. It just means our understanding of how to apply them may not be complete and we must grow in our understanding rather than choose to break those laws as they contradict our desires and tastes).

- b. Read Romans 8:35-39 together. Share what these verses mean to you.

(Remember the only one who can separate you and God – is your own choice. There is nothing else in heaven, earth or even hell that has the power to part you from Him!)