

**Romans – Our Great Salvation**  
**Message: Rescued from our Weakness**  
**Text: Romans 8:1-17 (AM 9/3/17)**

Our culture enamors us from birth to project an image of *strength*. We're taught that only the fit survive and excel in society. That *façade* invades the culture of the Church. Consequently, genuine *Spiritual strength* loses its true identity and is diluted in the charade of human strength. Paul reminds us in the first seven chapters of Romans, that because of sin, we're *all weak* apart from Christ. Sin separates us from God and sabotages God's purposes for the Redeemed. The Savior calls us to Sanctification, the process of being conformed to His image. However, this transformation is a supernatural work. Paul introduces us to the Spirit's threefold role in *rescuing us from our weaknesses* for His Purposes.

- I. **Emancipated from the *law of Sin* (1-4)** “*Jesus has made me free...*”  
*The Spirit emancipates us to live in victory over sin's penalty*
  - Our *sentence* is commuted (3-4) “*God sending His own Son...*”
  - The *silence* of condemnation (1) “*No condemnation to those...in Christ*”
  - The *Spirit's* confirmation (2) “*The law of the Spirit...has made us free*”
  
- II. **Empowered by the *life of the Spirit* (5-11)** “*Live according to the Spirit*”  
*The Spirit enables us to walk in victory over sin's power*
  - Confirmed by the Spirit (9-10) “*If indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you*”
  - Counseled by the Spirit (5-8) “*Those who live according to the Spirit...*”
  - Controlled by the Spirit (11) “*The Spirit...who raised Jesus...dwells in you*”
  
- III. **Enlightened to *live as Sons* (12-17)** “*We are Children of God...heirs*”  
*The Spirit encourages us to demonstrate victory as God's Children*
  - The Father's Character (12-14) “*Led by the Spirit...are sons of God*”
  - The Father's Communion (15-16) “*By whom we cry out, Abba, Father*”
  - The Father's Completion (17) “*We may also be glorified...*”

**Application to Life:** I'm convinced that our culture is *unimpressed* with the Church because they're few *impressive* Christians. Not super saints but *authentic* Believers whose passion is to become fully devoted Christ Followers. Aren't you ready to live an authentic life of victory?

1<sup>st</sup> Welcome the Spirit's affirmation (1) “*There is now...no condemnation*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Walk in the Spirit's attitude (4) “*Walk...according to the Spirit*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Warm in the Spirit's adoption (17) “*Heirs of God & joint heirs with Christ!*”