Dig Deeper on Romans 8:5-17 for personal reading and Life Groups…



Here are some questions to help dig further into Romans 8:5-17…

1. How would you recap the letter of Romans so far to an unbelieving friend?

2. V5-11 How do these verses contrast the life of a Christian and non-Christian? When might remembering these things be personally helpful to you?

3. What would you say are the evidences of a Spirit filled life in this passage? Use the following verses to add to the list…
   a. 1 John 4:2-3 and 1 Cor 12:3
   b. 1 John 2:3-6 and 1 John 3:10
   c. 1 John 3:14-18 and John 13:35

   (Don't be confused between the objective ground of salvation- the Cross, and the subjective evidences of salvation (above)- which can be partial and mixed with doubt).

4. In his classic book, "Knowing God" by J I Packer, he wrote that *"you sum up the whole of New Testament teaching in a single phrase if you speak of it as a revelation of the Fatherhood of the Holy Creator" (p226)*. Have a look at v14-17 and then think about why our adoption is such a crucial doctrine. How do these verses make you feel?

5. How would you counsel a friend who says "I'm not sure if I'm going to heaven. I keep struggling with sin. I just don't know if I'm going to make it".

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Some resources ….

- **Overview** of Romans at Bibleproject.com here and here.
- We did a **seminar on the Holy Spirit** during Covid. The recording is here, and handout is here. Do come and chat if you have questions.
- Books: "**How can I be sure I am a Christian**" Donald S Whitney, NavPress.
- "**How can I be sure?** Doubt assurance & the Bible", John Stevens, Good Book Co.