

THE PASTOR'S *ESSENTIALS*®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans

A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION NINE

Romans 8:1-39

Questions for Session Nine

1. What is Paul assuming in his statement regarding condemnation in v. 1A? What is the main difference between the law of Spirit and life and the law of sin and death? Cite an example of how the law was weakened by the sinful nature of humanity.

2. What did the Son of Man come to accomplish on earth? After reading v. 4, equate living by the law according to the sinful nature of humanity with living by grace according to the Spirit?

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3. Referring to v. 5, what do we think about all day long? Explain the mind of the sinful person versus the minds of persons truly set on what the Holy Spirit desires for us. What can we expect when our minds are given to and centered on the Spirit?
4. What is dwelling within us if we have received Christ as our LORD and Savior? If we do not have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, what then? If the Spirit of Christ is living within us, what are we promised?
5. Explain the difference between the words *live* and *die* according to v. 13. What are the implications for us living in the twenty-first century? Explain the term *sonship*. Explain the concept of the father/son relationship from vv. 14-17? What do we hope to inherit because of this relationship?
6. What was the impact of sin on the whole of creation since the beginning, when sin entered the world? What does Paul say about suffering in v. 18? How will the whole of humanity living in the Spirit benefit the whole of creation? For what are we to hope as we wait?

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7. What does v. 26 tell us about prayer? What do we do when we are in situations where we do not know how to pray? Who has been sent to intercede on our behalf and to help us in that regard?

8. How is v. 28 misused and misquoted? Explain vv. 29-30. Who else intercedes on our behalf according to v. 34? What can and will separate us from the love of God?

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