

## January 15, 2012

We ended last week with Gal. 5:13

*“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another.**”*

This week, before we pressed forward, we had a mini-lesson on stirring ourselves up. In fact, that is the very purpose that you are going over this material now. The word “stir-up” in Timothy means, “rekindle” & in 2 Peter, “to incite the mind to a state of being fully awake”.

The verses we visited were:

- **II Tim. 1:6**, “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.” (NKJV)
  - **II Peter 1:12, 13**, “For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,” (NKJV)
  - **II Peter 3:1**, “Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),” (NKJV)
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- **Q: Discuss the necessity of stirring yourself up by way of remembering the teachings you have received.**
  - **Q: Do only lazy or back-sliding Christians need stirring or is it even for those who are established?**
  - **Q: Are only carnal minds encouraged towards activity by this stirring or are even pure minds?**
  - **Q: Do we have a responsibility to stir-up each other?**
  - **Q: Is this possibly one meaning of Heb. 10:24,25? What do you think it means?**

Then because we ended with our freedom not being used as a liberty for the flesh, we began to look through Rom. 6-8, to discover what we have been freed from and too.

### Stir-up:

Romans 6...

- **Q: What are we freed from & to?**
  - **What is the connection between being dead to sin and being freed from sin?**
- **Q: What does the symbolism of baptism into Christ represent?**
- **Q: What power raised Christ from the dead?**
  - **Q: How is that connected to us walking in newness of life?**
- **Q: Why is the fact of our union with Christ mentioned SO often in this topic?**
  - Examples: Union, together with, likeness of, just as, with Him...etc.
- **Q: What is implied by the word “dominion”?**
- **Q: Where is the power and influence of sin still in us?**
- Verses 12 & 13 “could” be understood as a to do list. **Q: What is Paul really saying?**

## Romans 7...

- **Q: What does Paul mean by verse 6?**
- **Q: What was the goal of the law? (there are two things verses 10 & 13)**
- **Q: Once someone is born of God, where does sin come from?**
- When you were lost – sin had **dominion over** you – you had NO CHOICE. Now that you are free, you have to CHOOSE to give into sin. **Q: If that is true, is it not YOU who are sinning?**

## Romans 8...

- In verse 1 of the original Greek manuscripts, the ending phrase, “...who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” does not actually appear. **Q: Is that therefore not a conditional sentence?**
    - **The same phrase DOES actually appear in verse 4, but within a different context. So is “do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” a conditional statement here?**
    - **What is it a condition of? (Clue...be sure to read verses 1-4 all at once for a context)**
  - **Q: What does the word condemnation mean?**
  - **Q: In what way was the law weak?**
  - **Q: What are some reasons why we cannot please God if our minds are “set” on earthly, carnal things?**
  - **Q: What does it mean to “set” our minds on the Spirit?**
  - **Q: Under what condition are you no longer “in the flesh”?**
  - **Q: In what way should our freedom be seen as a debt?**
  - **Q: What is the meaning of the word “Son” in verse 14?**
    - **Q: What does that tell you about the meaning of this verse?**
  - **What does verse 15 teach you about being led by the Spirit?**
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### *Going Deeper:*

**Q: How are the following statements connected with Heb. 11:6 & 12:2,**

“For those who live according to the flesh, set their minds on the things of the flesh”- Rom. 8:5

“So then those who are in the flesh cannot please God” – Rom. 8: 8

**Q: How are the following statements connected with Isa. 26:3; John 6:63; 17:1-3; Eph. 2:15,16; Phil. 4:6-8; James 4:1-4; I Peter 1:2; 2Peter 1:2.**

“For to be carnally minded IS death, but to be spiritually minded is LIFE and PEACE. Because the carnal mind is not SUBJECT to the law of God, nor indeed can it be.” – Rom. 8:6,7