

Part 6: Power Source

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Because I am dead to sin; Because Jesus Christ lives in me; Because Jesus broke the power of sin and death; Because Jesus wants to transform my life; Because the Holy Spirit of life is empowering me...

## Romans 8 says I am:

Free	<sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.
Aligned	<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in ac- cordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.
Controlled	<sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not controlled by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.
Led	<sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
<u>Confident</u>	<sup>15a</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear
Adopted	<sup>156</sup> but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."
Secure	<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
Identified	<sup>17a</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ

<u>Connected</u>	<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.
Purposed	<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Directed	<sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.
Empowered	<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?
Humbled	<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
Saturated	<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?
Convinced	<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What are two surprising facts about you that few people know? Share!
- 2) If someone asked you, "Who are you?" what would your response be in a spiritual sense?
- 3) Which of the "I am" declarations is the easiest for you to claim? The hardest?
- 4) Looking back over your life, is there a time that you can share when you were struggling but God took that time and used it for his glory and purpose?
- 5) The Bible says nothing can separate us from the love of God. What does that fact allow you to attempt knowing that God's love will cover you?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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