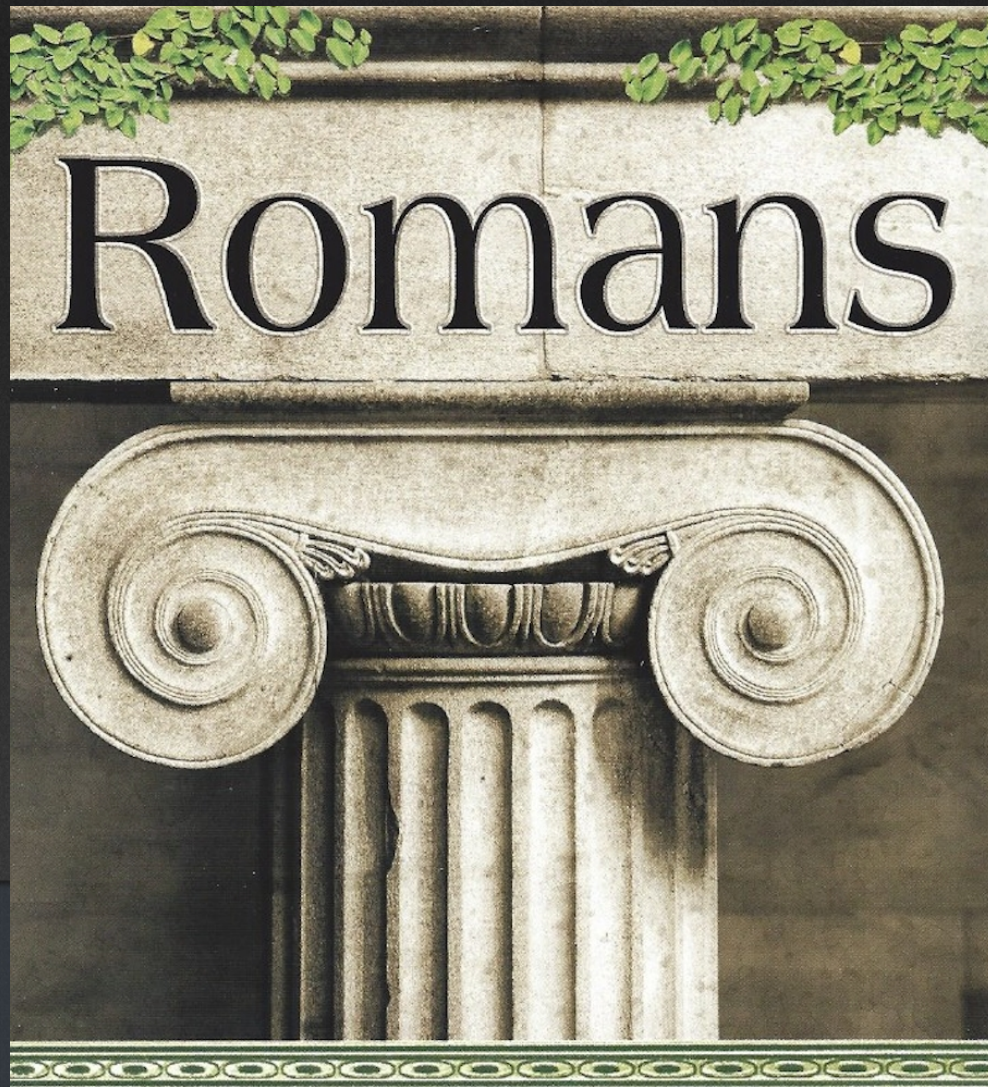


August 14–20

Romans 7–16

“Overcome Evil with Good”



Fruits of Justification: Overcome Carnal

Rom 7:6,14-15

What do you think Paul means by “we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter”?

JST Rom 7:6,14-16

6 But now we are delivered from the law wherein we were held, being dead to the law, that we should serve in newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

14 For we know that the commandment is spiritual; but when I was under the law, I was yet carnal, sold under sin.

15 But now I am spiritual; for that which I am commanded to do, I do; and that which I am commanded not to allow, I allow not.

16 For what I know is not right, I would not do; for that which is sin, I hate.

Fruits of Justification: Overcome Carnal

Rom 7:19-24

What do you think Paul means by, “I see another law... warring against the law of my mind”?

JST Rom 7:19,22-24

19 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me, but to perform that which is good I find not, only in Christ.

22 Now if I do that, through the assistance of Christ, I would not do under the law, I am not under the law; and it is no more that I seek to do wrong, but to subdue sin that dwelleth in me.

23 I find then that under the law, that when I would do good, evil was present with me; for I delight in the law of God after the inward man.

24 And now I see another law, even the commandment of Christ, and it is imprinted in my mind.

Todd Christofferson

“We are dual beings of flesh and spirit and are sometimes at war within ourselves....

“Jesus was also a being of flesh and spirit. He was tested; He understands; He can help us achieve unity within. Therefore, drawing upon the light and the grace of Christ, we strive to give our spirit—and the Holy Spirit—dominance over the physical. And when we fall short, Christ, by His Atonement, has given us the gift of repentance and the opportunity to try again.” (CR, April 2023)

Fruits of Justification: Overcome Carnal

Rom 8:5-10

What do we learn about our carnal-selves from these verses?

David O. McKay

“Man’s earthly existence is but a test as to whether he will concentrate his efforts, his mind, his soul, upon things which contribute to the comfort and gratification of his physical nature, or whether he will make as his life’s [purpose] the acquisition of spiritual qualities.”

(Teachings of Presidents of the Church: David O. McKay, pg. 14)

Fruits of Justification: Overcome Carnal

Rom 8:1-4,9-10

How can our carnal-selves be overcome and we can be made free from sin and death?

Fruits of Justification: Hope

Rom 8:18-19,22-25

What do we learn about hope from these verses?

Stan Kivett

“As we exercise the faith to obey, we begin to acquire hope. Hope reinforces our faith as we seek to pass the tests of life. Hope in Christ has been equated with an ‘earnest expectation’. It is behaving according to a firm belief in how things will unfold. It is expecting, not wishing. Hope orients our lives. Hope keeps our eyes focused on eternity. Hope-filled individuals cherish eternal promises enough to cling to them through trials and distractions, while those who lack hope give up what they want most for what they want at the moment.” (Brigham Young University-Idaho Devotional, April 24, 2012)

Fruits of Justification: Spiritual Strength

Rom 8:26-28

What kind of events do you think the Lord is referring to when he states that, “all things work together for good to them that love God”?

D&C 122:7

... know thou, my son, that all these things shall give thee experience, and shall be for thy good.

2 Nephi 2:2

Nevertheless, Jacob, my firstborn in the wilderness, thou knowest the greatness of God; and he shall consecrate thine afflictions for thy gain.

Jeffrey R. Holland

“If we give our heart to God, if we love the Lord Jesus Christ, if we do the best we can to live the gospel, then tomorrow—and every other day—is ultimately going to be magnificent, even if we don’t always recognize it as such. Why? Because our Heavenly Father wants it to be! He wants to bless us. A rewarding, abundant, and eternal life is the very object of His merciful plan for His children! It is a plan predicated on the truth ‘that all things work together for good to them that love God’ (Romans 8:28). So keep loving. Keep trying. Keep trusting. Keep believing. Keep growing. Heaven is cheering you on today, tomorrow, and forever.” (CR, April 2016)

Fruits of Justification: Spiritual Strength

Rom 8:31,35-39

What can we do to assure that we never doubt
God's love for us?

Dale G. Renlund

“Sometimes we may not feel His love, but it is always there. God’s love is perfect. Our ability to sense that love is not.

“The Spirit plays a pivotal role in communicating God’s love to us. Yet the influence of the Holy Ghost can be obscured by strong emotions, such as anger, hate, or fear. So too, behaviors that distance us from the Holy Ghost, including sin, make it difficult for us to perceive God’s love for us....

“We can also try to improve our receptivity to God’s love by asking ourselves, ‘Is my love for God constant, or do I love Him when I have good days but not so much when I have bad days?’” (CR, April 2022)

Fruits of Justification: Spiritual Strength

Rom 10:10,13-17

According to these verses, how do we gain and strengthen the testimony that Jesus is the Christ?

D. Todd Christofferson

“In the end, the central purpose of all scripture is to fill our souls with faith in God the Father and in His Son, Jesus Christ—faith that They exist; faith in the Father’s plan for our immortality and eternal life; faith in the Atonement and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which animates this plan of happiness; faith to make the gospel of Jesus Christ our way of life; and faith to come to know ‘the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom [He has] sent’ (John 17:3).

“The word of God, as Alma said, is like a seed planted in our hearts that produces faith as it begins to grow within us.... Faith comes by the witness of the Holy Spirit to our souls, Spirit to spirit, as we hear or read the word of God. And faith matures as we continue to feast upon the word.”
(CR, April 2010)

Fruits of Justification: Adoption

Rom 8:4,14-15

What do you think Paul means when he tells the Romans that they “have received the Spirit of adoption”?

Russell M. Nelson

“The gospel net to gather scattered Israel is expansive. There is room for each person who will fully embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ. Each convert becomes one of God’s covenant children, whether by birth or by adoption. Each becomes a full heir to all that God has promised the faithful children of Israel!” (CR, Oct. 2020)

Fruits of Justification: Adoption

Rom 11:16-19

What is the promise to the Gentiles if they receive the gift of justification?

Brigham Young

“If any of the Gentiles will believe, we will lay our hands upon them that they may receive the Holy Ghost, and the Lord will make them of the house of Israel. They will be broken off from the wild olive tree, and be grafted into the good and tame olive tree, and will partake of its sap and fatness.” (JD, 2:266)

Gospel Principles

Rom 12:9-21

Gospel Principles

Rom 13:9-14

Next Week:

August 21–27

1 Corinthians 1–7

“Be Perfectly Joined Together”

