



# Messy Man

ROMANS 7:1-8:11

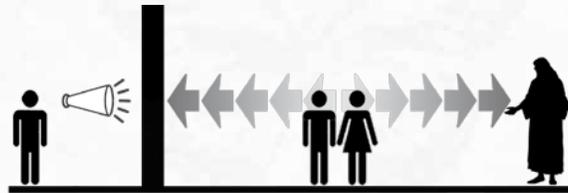
Despite the fact that God has made us new in Christ ...

## I. The inner struggle between the old (FLESH) and new (SPIRIT) natures causes us ongoing frustration and spiritual exhaustion. *(Rom 7:14-23)*

THE OLD NATURE makes us feel spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ and still in bondage. *(v. 14)*

THE OLD NATURE causes us to act \_\_\_\_\_ to God's will. *(v. 15)*

THE OLD NATURE brings on a kind of spiritual schizophrenia when it \_\_\_\_\_ with the new nature. *(vv. 17-20)*



## II. Three powerful influences can continue to make your Christian walk a messy one. *(Rom 7:7-21)*

YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ when confronted with any boundary, rule or restriction. *(vv. 7-12)*

YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ that desire to abuse the grace Christ provides and return to your old way of life. *(vv. 18-20)*

YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ who distracts and tries to draw you back to your old life. *(v. 21; Matt 4; Eph 6)*

## HOW TO TIDY UP THE MESS

1. PICK UP AND THROW AWAY THE \_\_\_\_\_ that God condemns and rejects you when you fail. *(Rom 8:1-5)*

2. DON'T RENT A ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ A LIFE OF SIN but move toward Christ instead. *(Rom 8:5-8)*

3. RELY ON YOUR DIVINE ROOMMATE to \_\_\_\_\_ you to keep your life tidy. *(Rom 8:9-11)*

*"When I became a believer I thought I had drowned the old man in me but the rascal knew how to swim."  
-Martin Luther*



# MADENEW

## HOME GROUP LESSON

1. How do your old nature (under point I. of the sermon) or the three powerful influences (under point II.) made your walk with Christ messy? In other words, how has your old life called to you, trying to keep you close to the wall instead of moving toward Jesus?

2. To *set our mind* (Rom 8:5) refers to interests that occupy us, how we spend our time/money/energy, or what we give ourselves up to. Why do we believe the lie that we can "rent a room next to a life of sin" and tame our flesh so it obeys us? What's wrong with this kind of thinking?

3. Romans 8:1 says *there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*. How have you mistaken the consequences of sin for God's condemnation? Why is it so hard for us to live as if we believe that in Christ there is no condemnation?

4. Romans chapter 7 is a cry of despair over how our corrupt flesh longs for deliverance, but chapter 8 is a cry of triumph because of Jesus Christ, the one and only Deliverer. How has studying these chapters caused you to praise Jesus for what He has done for you? How has it made a difference in your daily life?

5. How have you as a Christian experienced the indwelling Holy Spirit as the only way to overcome the desires of your flesh? Encourage others in your group by sharing your experience.

*"The distinguishing characteristic of the Christian, which sets him apart from all unbelievers, is that the Holy Spirit dwells in him. ... Indwelling sin is the lot of all the children of Adam; the great privilege of the children of God is to have the indwelling Spirit to fight and subdue indwelling sin." —John R. L. Stott*

6. here are you so weary that you want to give up the struggle against sin? How much of that struggle has depended on your own efforts? How has this sermon given you a fresh dependence on the Holy Spirit?

Close in prayer. Ask God for His help to live what you learned in the sermon.

### COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of "The Source" at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

#### BE THE HEART AND HANDS OF JESUS THIS MONTH!

It's our goal that every Christ Chapelite step out and serve our community this fall. No matter your skills or schedule, there's a way for you and your home group to show the city that Christ cares for them. Sign up at [www.ccbcfamily.org/madeneu](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/madeneu).

#### YOUNG COUPLES, "AVENEW" BEGINS TODAY.

Whether you are married, engaged or almost there, at AveNew we think that when you both turn toward God, the ride only gets sweeter. Join us today in The Den at 12:15 p.m. for genuine stories, great teaching, plenty of interaction and a challenge to take home and apply to your relationship.

#### TA ETHNE MISSIONS LUNCHEON IS TODAY AT 12:15 P.M. IN THE OAK ROOM.

Don't miss meeting Lemma Degefa, our special guest from Ethiopia! Lemma founded Leadership Transformation Ministries (LeT) to take theological training to rural church pastors on the front lines of the Muslim push into Ethiopia. God is doing a mighty work in raising up these pastors across East Africa—come hear Lemma and be encouraged. If you can't attend the lunch, Lemma also speaks tonight at the Old Testament Survey class at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Room.

#### OASIS FOR SINGLE MOMS IS THIS FRIDAY, OCT. 21.

If you're a single mom, come enjoy the community at Oasis. We'll meet at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room for dinner and encouragement. RSVP for dinner to Kristin at [KristinH@christchapelbc.org](mailto:KristinH@christchapelbc.org) and for Next Generation Kids Care through age 11 at [www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP) by this Wednesday, Oct. 19.

#### LEARN ABOUT THE TABERNACLE NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 23.

You'll be amazed at how the Tabernacle, a structure built 3,500 years ago by the nation of Israel, models Jesus and His plan of redemption for you. Deepen the roots of your faith as Dr. David Teitelbaum, a Messianic Jew, teaches this one-time-only class at 6:30 p.m. in Link Classroom South. Questions? Email Lauren at [LaurenS@christchapelbc.org](mailto:LaurenS@christchapelbc.org).

#### REGISTER FOR GRIEF SHARE THIS WEEK.

If you are currently grieving the loss of a loved one, come join us at Grief Share. This small group meets for six weeks beginning Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. and will allow you to go through the grieving process with others. The cost of group materials is \$15 per person and scholarships are available. Register at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

#### DADS, REGISTER FOR DADDY & DAUGHTER ADVENTURE.

Join us at Camp Thurman on Saturday, Nov. 12 for a special day of laughter, adventure and speaking encouragement and blessing to your little girl. Daddy & Daughter Adventure is for girls in Grades K-8 and the cost is \$50 per person. Learn more and register at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**Do's and don'ts don't work!**

MEMORY VERSE  
Galatians 5:22-23  
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.