

# **"THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A DEBTOR"**

## **"ROMANS 8:12-13"**

### **I. IF ONE WILL ACCEPT GOD'S ASSURANCE OF SALVATION HE MUST ALSO ACCEPT THE SUBSEQUENT OBLIGATION**

- A. Christianity Is Unlike Any Other Religion In The World
- B. This Passage Really Helps To Silence The Critics Of Christianity

### **II. THE OBLIGATION TO SANCTIFICATION IS STATED NEGATIVELY (8:12-13a)**

- A. Paul Chooses This Type Of Approach For A Particular Reason
- B. Paul Seems To Be Threatening The Reader

### **III. THE OBLIGATION TO SANCTIFICATION IS STATED POSITIVELY (8:13b)**

- A. It Is Named In An Amazing And Unexpected Way
- B. It Is Contrasted With Two Other Passages Where We Are Passive
  - 1. Romans 6:6
  - 2. Romans 7:4
- C. It Is The Command Of God That We Actively Deal With Ourselves In The Way He Has Described
  - 1. God Expects Us To Continually Realize Our Enlistment Into The War And Accept Our Part In Our Sanctification.
  - 2. Still The Holy Spirit Is The Key
  - 3. The Sanctification Journey Is Relatively Easy Compared To What God Had To Do To Make Us Alive And Able To Respond In The First Place

**THE FIRST MAJOR TRANSITION**  
**IN**  
**ROMANS EIGHT**

**ASSURANCE**

**APPLICATION**

**#1**

“There is therefore  
now no  
condemnation”  
(8:1)

**“THEREFORE”**

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**(8:12)**

**#2**

A Christian is one  
who is indwelt by  
The Holy Spirit.  
Consequently, there  
are certain things  
that are true of him.  
(8:9-11)

We have an  
obligation to  
respond in a  
positive manner  
regarding our part in  
the sanctification  
process. (8:12-17)