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## Scriptures, Questions, & Assignment

1. What did you learn from your study of Colossians 2 this past week?

**Romans 8:1-17 (NLT):** *Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. (Romans 8:5-6, NLT)*

**Galatians 5:16-26 (NLT):** *When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! (Galatians 5:19-23, NLT)*

2. What is the spiritual disease we are dealing with and what are the symptoms? How does it show up in your life? How do you deal it?

**If A = B & B = C, then A = C**

**1 John 4:16 (NIV):** ... *God is love.* (**1 John 4:16**, NIV)

**Mark 12:29-31 (NLT):** *“The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”* (**Mark 12:29-31**, NLT – quoting **Deut. 6:4-5 & Lev. 19:18**)

**If God = Love & Law = Love, then God = Law**

**1 John 3:4 (NIV):** *Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.* (**1 John 3:4**, NIV)

**If God = Law & Sin = Lawlessness, then Sin = Godlessness**

**John 6:28-29 (NLT):** *“We want to perform God’s works, too. What should we do?”*

*Jesus told them, “This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent.”*  
(**John 6:28-29**, NLT)

**Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT):** *“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”* (**Matthew 11:28-30**, NLT)

**Revelation 3:20 (NLT):** *“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”* (**Revelation 3:20**, NLT)

3. How has the disease (“Sin”) manifested itself in your life? What are the most common symptoms (sinful actions) you see?

**Romans 7:21-25 (NLT):** *I have discovered this principle of life – that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup> I love God’s law with all my heart. <sup>23</sup> But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. <sup>24</sup> Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? <sup>25</sup> Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord ...* (**Romans 7:21-25**, NLT)

**Romans 8:1-17 (NLT):** *So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.*  
(**Romans 8:1**, NLT)

4. What do you find encouraging in this? How will it make a difference in your life?

**Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT):** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. (Psalm 139:23-24, NLT)*

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV):** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV)*

## Assignment

Spending a bit of time this week considering **Romans 7:21 – 8:38**.

- This week, read **Romans 7:21 – 8:38** through at least one time each day – try reading it in several different translations.
- What do you find comforting in this passage?
- Is there anything about this passage that makes you uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?
- What does this passage teach you about Sin (with a capital S) and its cure?
- How much help is God willing to give you in this process of being cured from Sin? What are some specific ways He promises to help?
- What is the most important thing you are learning from this passage?
- How will what you have learned affect the way you live your life? Why?