



Sermon series: The Final Countdown [Holy Spirit]

Text: Romans 8:1-11

Description: The greatest threat to anyone is sin, but in Christ, the Holy Spirit fights and wins for believers who call out for His help.

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## Which Bicycle?

### 1. With Jesus, get these Gifts. Romans 8:1-4

- a. V. 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ of believer. Cf. John 3:36
- b. V.2. God \_\_\_\_\_ the believer against the \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. V.3. Through Jesus, God did what the \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't. (cf. Romans 5:20a)
  - i. Believers are saved by a supernatural act. Results include:
    - 1. Holy Spirit is Jesus in you. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
    - 2. Freedom from sin. Romans 8:2

### 2. Without Jesus you're Defenseless and Doomed to Death. Romans 8:5-8

- a. Bleak words for unbelievers.
  - i. Sin \_\_\_\_\_; paints picture of wonder, pleasures & satisfactions that eventually unravels.
    - 1. Some sins we \_\_\_\_\_ into; don't bother \_\_\_\_\_ them.
      - a. Trash people behind their back
      - b. Fits of anger
      - c. Drunkenness
      - d. Obscene, demeaning, coarse language
    - 2. Other sins we \_\_\_\_\_ into: \_\_\_\_\_ them.
      - a. Disobey God (like Jonah)
      - b. Abuse others
      - c. Worshiping golden calves (instead of God—or in addition to Him [money, sports, your boat, likes on social media, your achievements—or your children's])
      - d. Diet of pornography
      - e. Drugs
- b. Picture of \_\_\_\_\_ (but also subtle warning to \_\_\_\_\_).



### 3. **With Jesus you're Armed for Life.** Romans 8:9-11

*So long as they [Christians] endeavor to rely on their own resources, they fight a losing battle. F.F. Bruce, Romans*

*God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him. Hudson Taylor*

### **Now what?**

- P\_\_\_\_\_ is how we access the \_\_\_\_\_'s \_\_\_\_\_ to defeat sin.
    - Like early evangelism. Acts 1:8
      - Acts 2:42 cf. Acts 2:47
      - Acts 4:29-31
    - Like Paul's evangelism
      - Ephesians 6:18-20
      - 1 Thessalonians 2:2
  - Fight sin like the early church proclaimed the gospel. Not to try beating sin by white-knuckled self-discipline. Like E-bike, you still have a role: pray. And watch the Holy Spirit go to work.
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### *To think about...*

- If you're not a Christian, does Romans 8:5-8 give an accurate account of sinful times you've experienced? In what ways?
- Christian, give thanks that in Jesus, God cancelled every bit of His previous condemnation of you!! And thank Him for the Holy Spirit now living in you.
- What do you know about the Spirit? Without doing Bible research, write down all you think you know about who He is and what He does.
- Is there some sin in your life right now that you need the Spirit's help with? Pray.