



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Ben Adkison // Sunday: October 15, 2023

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Romans 8:12-13 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) In verse 12, Paul says that believers are "debtors, not to the flesh." By implication, they are debtors to something or someone else. Who are believers indebted to, and what does this mean?
- 5) What would a life of indebtedness to the flesh look like?
- 6) Discuss and respond to this quote by John Piper:

"You gotta stop paying debts to your slave-master-flesh. Why pay for your destruction? We are debtors not to the flesh—so don't pay! The flesh asks for your affection and your bondage—you don't pay! You owe the flesh nothing but enmity! You owe the flesh nothing but war!"¹
- 7) Why isn't verse 13 teaching that believers can lose their salvation? Where in Scripture are we taught that salvation is un-losable?
- 8) Ben talked about several ingredients involved in killing sin? What were they, and would you add anything else?
- 9) John Owen, a puritan, has a famous quote about killing sin. He says, "Be killing sin, or it will be killing you." Is this sentence backed up by Scripture? Sight your evidence.
- 10) What has personally helped you in the fight against sin?
- 11) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

¹ John Piper, Sermon: "How to Kill Sin, Part 1," <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/how-to-kill-sin-part-1>