



SERMON NOTES

Date

Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker

Scripture Passage

Additional Verses

What is the main idea of this sermon?	What key words/thoughts are important?
What did we learn about God from this passage?	
What does God want me to do or believe in response to this passage?	
What was my favorite song lyric today?	What is something I didn't understand?

Day One—Sermon Application

In what ways am I trying to live by the Law and failing? When will I get over trying to appear to be good and admit that my life is just like Paul's description?

What keeps me from going forward to the altar at the end of a sermon? Am I afraid of what someone might think or say? What are some positive things that might happen if I go forward?

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Next Sunday, we will be singing the song ***We Believe***. Spend some time praying through the lyrics of this song.

We believe in God the Father!	Let the lost be found and the dead be raised!
We believe in Jesus Christ!	In the here and now, let love invade!
We believe in the Holy Spirit!	Let the church live loud, our God we'll say
And He's given us new life!	We believe, we believe!
We believe in the crucifixion!	And the gates of hell will not prevail!
We believe that He conquered death!	For the power of God, has torn the veil!
We believe in the resurrection!	Now we know Your love will never fail!
And He's comin' back again!	We believe, we believe!

Based on our studies of Romans 5-7, what new understanding do you have for the phrase "Let the lost be found and the dead be raised"?

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

Read Romans 8:1-13. Who is the Holy Spirit?

Bad theology states that the Holy Spirit is a force that makes you lose control of your body, your mouth and your mind. It causes you to fall into emotionally bizarre and irrational behaviors. That is not the Holy Spirit! John MacArthur explains:

"I don't think we often think about this, but the power exhibited by the Holy Spirit, the power exerted by the Holy Spirit in your life, is a violent power. If you understand your condition before you were saved, you will understand just how violent it was. Dead in trespasses and sin, blind to the truth of God. Profound corruption to the core. Profoundly dead, the walking dead, that's the diagnosis of all human beings before they come to Christ. A violent power comes over the dead and gives it life, and then sanctifying power is released to fight against and overthrow corruption. And one day, that same power will re-create a new you fit for eternal life in heaven. This is amazing power."

APPLICATION: Read Romans 8:4 again. How will this new understanding of the Holy Spirit impact the way you live your life this week?