Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:2 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:3 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:4 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. __________ the spiritual conflict

_________: God’s law is spiritual, but I am driven by the human nature, sold into slavery to it…I desire to do good and right, but I end up practicing evil! Romans 7:14, 19 (JOT)

__________: I see another force at work in my body and my mind, waging war against the good I know to do and it seeks to make me a prisoner to the law of sin…wretched man that I am, who will rescue me from this body of death! Romans 7:23-24 (JOT)

2. __________ to greater maturity

Spiritual Action Step:

What is driving your life? Are you trying to please God? Or, are you following the path of least resistance? Jesus said: “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.” (Matthew 7:13 NIV). Decide to put to death those things in your spirit that are warring against you following God. Jesus came to rescue you from slavery to the human nature and make you a child of God! Jesus Christ is the gateway to a life filled with hope and peace! This week, continue with lesson 3 of The Explicit Gospel.