

# PCOM SERMON NOTES

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**Sermon Series:** You've Got Mail (Part 1)

**Scriptures:** Romans 8:5-17

**Sermon Notes:**

According to Paul in vv. 5-11, there are two \_\_\_\_\_ of people that are all mixed together in daily life:

- the realm of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - the villain of this realm is \_\_\_\_\_.
- the realm of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - the heroes of this realm are \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ (v. 1:1-4, 16-17) is the message of how it is possible to be freed from the realm of the flesh and delivered into the realm of the Spirit.

For Paul, the gospel is "Episode II" of a familiar story of God saving his children.

- Episode I: \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
- Episode II: \_\_\_\_\_ to the flesh → \_\_\_\_\_ through the cross → \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit to the promised land

We are led to the promised land by four ongoing transformations:

- **Attention:** from \_\_\_\_\_ desires to \_\_\_\_\_ desires (vv. 5-7)
- **Aim:** from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6, 10-11, 13)
- **Attitude:** from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6-8, 12-13)
- **Adoption:** from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 14-17)

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## **Questions for discussion:**

1. What are your experiences reading Paul's letters? Are you more or less excited reading Paul than you were reading Revelation (our last sermon series)? Why?
2. Pastor Daryl suggested that a key part of understanding Paul's categories of "flesh" and the "Spirit" is to place them against the larger background of the Old Testament exodus story of slavery, freedom, and journeying toward the promised land. How might this background help make Paul's often dense language more practical and understandable?
3. Which of the four transformations—attention, aim, attitude, and adoption—do you think God has made the progress on in you as a Christian? Which is the hardest for you and why? How can you ask for the Spirit to help you be transformed in this area of your life this week?

**Next Week's Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29 (Pastor Jackson)**