

## The Inscrutable Question: Summary of Romans 8:12-13

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- 1- The paragraph begins with a negative obligation: we are *not* obligated to the first husband to submit to the standards of sin, human good, and evil.
- 2- Believers who do submit to these things and fail to rebound become characterized as carnal. Their only restraints are establishment principles but without rebound these too will fade in time.
- 3- Those who submit to chronic sin, refuse to rebound, and do so from hostility toward the Word and plan of God move into reversionism.
- 4- Those believers who are in status quo spirituality live a life that does not assume any obligation to the first husband but rather submits to the standards of the new Husband, Jesus Christ.
- 5- The standards of the new life are revealed to the believer through the three spiritual skills: (1) the filling of the Holy Spirit, (2) the Grace Apparatus for Perception, and (3) the development of the ten biblical problem-solving devices.
- 6- These skills develop by means of the inculcation of biblical truth through the system provided by the plan of God for the Church Age believer: (1) revelation by God of New Testament doctrine, (2) inspiration of the Apostles who functioned as human writers of the divine message to man, (3) interpretation by men with the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher in the institution of the local church, (4) illumination by the Holy Spirit under the Grace Apparatus for Perception, and (5) animation energized by the power of the Holy Spirit and motivated by reciprocal love for God.
- 7- Through conditional sentences, verse 13 reveals the end that comes to the carnal believer whose lifestyle submits to the standards of the flesh and the believer who rejects that lifestyle and submits to the standards of the sophisticated spiritual life.
- 8- The believer who lives under the authority of the first husband chooses a personal destiny that will lead to the sin unto death.
- 9- The believer who recognizes that his soul is no longer under any obligation to submit to the desires of the first husband is manumitted into a spiritual freedom where he can live a new life: the sophisticated spiritual life.
- 10- Those who are dying the sin unto death maintain the indwelling of the Shekinah Glory, their eternal life, and the guarantee of a resurrection body.
- 11- Those who submit to the standards of the new Husband, Jesus Christ, not only retain these imputations but will receive the rewards associated with the millennial kingdom.
- 12- The sophisticated spiritual life is new, different, and completely separated from the usual religious concepts of human good and human viewpoint.
- 13- Human good is based on the standards of the sinful nature but which have been packaged in a satanically deceptive façade so as to appear spiritual to the believer without doctrine.
- 14- It is the “child of God” that is duped into performing human good which eventually works its way around to evil.
- 15- Only the “son of God” who lives the new, sophisticated spiritual life is able to first of all identify human good but also to avoid it.
- 16- The ability to differentiate between human good and divine good and even to distinguish between human good and sin becomes an important principle to understand.



- 17- There is a false glory associated with human good and evil. However, the legitimate glory that comes to the winner believer in the millennial kingdom must be based on the production of divine good and the avoidance of human good.