



## THERE'S NO OBLIGATION

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Paul has told us about five amazing things, true of every Christian, that Jesus' life and death made possible: we now have a new spiritual nature, God's Holy Spirit dwells in us, we belong to Jesus, our spirits will live forever and one day they will have new bodies to live in, then we will be perfect in every way.

But what about now? The flesh — that fallen body we're stuck in for now — still wants to sin. What are we to do about that? That's the question Paul begins to address in Romans 8:12 – 14.

- ◆ What does Paul mean when he says, “we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh (verse 12)?”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ◆ Verse 12 begins with the word therefore. How does verse 12 relate to what Paul has said in the preceding verses?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ◆ Sometimes we try to excuse our sin by telling ourselves, I couldn't help it. How does verse 12 answer that excuse?

