

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday: Free

Texts Referenced (CEB): Romans 8:1-2, 5-11

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. We often use metaphors or figures of speech to explain some of life's curious or challenging situations.
 - How do you respond to Mother Teresa's statement: "Life is a game; play it"?
 - Why are games of strategy, luck, and chance popular, and what do they suggest about life as a game?
3. **Read Romans 8:5-6.**

Paul addresses the difference between being selfish and self-centered versus being Spirit-filled in our responses to life.

 - What does he mean when he says "the attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death"?
 - Why are Spirit-filled attitudes and behaviors often misunderstood in the game of life?
4. **Read Romans 8:1-2.**
 - Why do you think Paul refers to the *Spirit of life in Christ* as a law?
 - How might the idea of being "set free" from the law of *sin and death* have resonated with Paul's readers?
5. **Read Romans 8:10-11.**

Paul reminds us that just as the Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead, He will free us from a life of sin and death.

 - What does being free from sin and death look like as you "play the game" of life?
 - How is our Hope community helping people make the best "moves" in the game of life? What more could we be doing?
6. How can we pray for you?