

**REVIEW & INTRODUCTION:****1. PAUL ISSUES A CONDITIONAL PROMISE ABOUT MORTIFICATION AND ETERNAL LIFE (8:13b)**

(1) *Paul gives us a sharp contrast: "but"*

(2) *Paul gives us a condition: "if...ye mortify the deeds of the body"*

(3) *Paul reveals the persons to whom this condition is given: If "ye"—Christians*

(4) *Paul shows us how we meet the condition: "through the Spirit."*

(5) *Paul connects a promise to the condition: "ye shall live"*

(6) *Paul then identifies God's people: "as many as are led by the Spirit" (8:14)*

**2. WHAT IS MORTIFICATION?**

**a. Mortification defined:** Mortification of indwelling sin is the believer's continuous act by the power of the Holy Spirit to weaken, ruin, and destroy the life and power of indwelling sin so that it does not bring forth sinful works.

**b. Mortification is a progressive, continuous, spiritual act that ceases at one's physical death.**

**c. Mortification begins with the new birth.**

**d. Mortification is empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

**e. Mortification is universal in scope.**

**3. APPLICATION: *The most important way of mortifying your sins is by using the means of grace God has given us to pursue and cultivate a holy life***

**CONCLUSION:**