

# A “Pneumatic” Life

## Romans 8:1-14

Sunday, July 5, 2020 | *Real Life Series* | part 4 of 5 | Pastor Ben Pease

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**Hymn | “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” | Redeemer musicians and guests**  
*music by Anthony J. Showalter and lyrics by Showalter and Elisha Hoffman*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain:*

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk, In this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

I’m so glad I learned, learned to trust the way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
And I know that Thou art with me all the way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

### Welcome and Prayer

#### Scripture Readings

*Psalm 119:105-112*

*John 14:15-21*

**Hymn | “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” | Redeemer Choir**  
*Words by Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), Music by Robert Jackson (1842-1914)*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, Fill me with life anew;  
That I may love whate'er you love, and do what you would do.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine*

**Sermon | “A ‘Pneumatic’ Life” | Pastor Ben**  
**Romans 8:1-14**

**Romans 8:1-14 (NIV)**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

## | Communion |

### **Special Music | “Keep Watch, Dear Lord” | Online virtual choir\***

*Words adapted from a prayer of St. Augustine, music by Chris Hutchings*

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or wait, or weep this night,  
And give thine angels charge over those who sleep.*

*Tend the sick, Lord Christ:*

*Give rest to the weary,*

*Bless the dying,*

*Soothe the suffering,*

*Comfort the afflicted,*

*Shield us all:*

*And all for thy love's sake.*

## **Benediction | Pastor Ben**

### **Postlude | reprise, “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”**

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#### **\*Music Notes**

“**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**” was recorded at Redeemer Covenant Church on 8/11/19 and features Nathan and Naomi Bird along with guests Mike and Theresa Wallin. Instruments include accordion, mandolin, guitar, and wooden foot percussion. “**Breathe on Me, Breath of God**” was recorded on 5/11/14, sung by the Redeemer Choir as an introit, directed by Naomi Bird. “**Keep Watch, Dear Lord**” is by Edenburg-based composer Chris Hutchings. It was written for Easter 2020, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic; in memory of thousands; recorded online by many of Chris’s friends: Kuba Sanak, Matthew Vernon, David Rain, John Thomson, Paddy Woodburn, Jamie Webster, Morag Hannah, Anastasia Micklethwaite, Elizabeth Curry, Catherine Siddall, Emma Harper (soloist).