

NO CONDEMNATION

ROMANS 8:1-11

6/1/25

I. AFFIRMATION

Romans 8:1-2 - “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

A. No condemnation

B. Freedom from the law

II. HOW ARE THESE ACCOMPLISHED?

Romans 8:3 - “For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh...”

A. God did what the Law couldn't

- The law reveals sin...but God removes sin

B. Jesus did what the Law couldn't

- The Law was weakened by flesh...but Jesus was not weakened by taking on flesh

III. WHY DID GOD DO THIS?

Romans 8:4a - “...in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us...”

A. To “fulfill” the Law

Matthew 5:17 - “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

IV. WHAT DO WE DO?

Romans 8:4b - “...who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

A. Walk in the Spirit not the flesh

- Walk = active obedience

Galatians 5:16-25 - “But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”

B. Set your mind on the Spirit not the flesh

Romans 8:5-8 - “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

- Flesh is hostile towards God

V. BE AWARE OF WHO YOU ARE

Romans 8:9-11 - “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus^[d] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”

A. Life in the Spirit means ETERNAL life

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why is Romans 8:1 such a powerful verse? Are there times when you had to remind yourself of this truth? Share with the group.
3. What are some ways that we combat against the Devils' accusations against us?
4. Consider the work of Jesus on our behalf in v.3-4. How does this encourage you as a Christian today?
5. What are some ways in which you “set your mind on things of the Spirit”? How does this spiritual mindset impact your daily life?
6. What do you find astonishing or assuring in Romans 8:9-11?
7. How does knowing we are granted “life” in Christ, and that He has secured holiness for us, encourage you to live differently?
8. What is one thing from the message or group this week that you want to live out? How can the group help you accomplish that?