

NO CONDEMNATION.

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INTRO:

A. Read text: Romans 8:1-18.

B. Regarding the text.

1. **Chapter 7** depicts the wretched condition of men without the law of Christ.
2. There are two ways in which accountable men can live.
 - 1) **FLESH** – **1 John 2:15-17; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom 7:18** “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...”
 - 2) **SPIRIT** – **Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 8:1.**

C. Romans 8 continues to illustrate the joy of living according to the gospel of Christ.

DISCUSSION: IN THESE VERSES LET US OBSERVE...

I. MEN CAN ESCAPE CONDEMNATION (8:1-4).

A. “No condemnation.” = an adverse sentence.

1. Where? In Christ (**Romans 6:1-7** --- In Christ we have been freed from sin.)
2. Note **verses 1b-2**. Walk after the Spirit. = “law of the Spirit” is the same as the truth in **John 8:32**. (Truth makes free, it produces life.)
3. **Verse 3**. “... God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.”
 - 1) “...likeness of sinful flesh...” **John 1:14; Phil. 2:7**).
 - 2) “...for sin...” (**2 Cor. 5:21**).
 - 3) “...condemned sin in the flesh.” Removed the condemnation.

B. Freed from condemnation by God’s only Son.

II. FLESH VERSUS THE SPIRIT. (8:5-9)

A. Vs. 5: The mind-set.

1. Carnal (flesh - worldly). See **Rom. 6:12**.
2. Spiritual (the things of the Spirit **Col. 3:2**).

B. Vs.6: The product (Death or peace).

C. Vss. 7-8: The reason; “Because” the mind is against God.

1. The “Spirit of God” and the “Spirit of Christ” refer to the Holy Spirit.
2. **1Pet. 1:11**.

III. BLESSINGS (8:10-11).

A. The body of sin is put to death and the spirit of life rules in the life of those walking in the light (1 Jn. 1:7**).**

B. Verse 11 is in reference to the bodily resurrection to be experienced by the faithful.

1. Paul refers to the resurrection of Christ (**11**).
2. And when the Spirit abides in us, we will be raised as well (**1 Thess. 4:14-17; 1 Cor. 15**).

IV. LIFE AND DEATH (8:12-13).

A. We have a debt to pay. Not to our flesh, but to the Spirit.

1. We have a debt which is payable to God.
2. **Rom. 1:14** "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."

B. We can be alive or dead. (Gal. 2:20)

V. LED BY THE SPIRIT (8:14-19).

A. To be led by the Spirit is to live by the gospel.

1. **1 John 1:7**.
2. **Gal 5:16** "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." **Gal. 5:25** "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

B. **Verses 16-18** are often misunderstood.

1. The spirit bears witness *WITH* not *TO* our spirit.
2. The witnessing is mutual.
 - 1) God speaks to us through the Word.
 - 2) Our spirit answers in obedience.
3. NOTE: This means that by obedience I am in harmony with the Spirit of truth!
 - 1) My life is to show or confirm what the Spirit of truth teaches in the word. **2 Tim. 3:16-17**).
 - 2) **3 John 1:4**.

VI.CONCLUSION...