

Christians Still Need the Gospel
Romans 8:1-4
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Don't ever move beyond the gospel, for...

- **The gospel reminds us we are no longer condemned (vv. 1, 3).**

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“Most of our troubles are due to our failure to realize the truth of this verse.” – D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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“All the love and the acceptance which perfect obedience could have obtained of God, belong to you—because Christ was perfectly obedient on your behalf.” – CHARLES SPURGEON

- **The gospel liberates us from bondage (vv. 2, 4).**

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“Shocking as it may sound, God's holy law could be called the law of sin and death because it occasioned both.” – John Stott

Christ fulfilled the righteous requirement of the law in our place (v. 4).

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Acts 13:38-39 ³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

The Old Testament law was never intended by God to save, but to point forward to how God would save.

“If we do not desire to do the will of God, if we do not desire to please Him and glorify Him, then the rules of conduct become burdensome. We either ignore them or at best obey them reluctantly and halfheartedly. Or we focus entirely on outward conduct, that by which we remain respectable to other people while ignoring entirely the underlying sins of our heart.” – Jerry Bridges, *The Transforming Power of the Gospel*