

“Set Free!”

Text: Romans 8:1-4

Scripture reading: John 15:1-17

I. The ruling that declared us free – vs. 1 (Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 6:3-7)

A) “now no...”

B) “no condemnation...”

C) “...in Christ Jesus”

II. The rescue that set us free – vv. 2-3 (Rom. 6:23; Heb. 4:15; II Cor. 5:21; Is. 53:6)

A) The laws of life and death

B) The work of God for our freedom

III. The result that marks us as free – vs. 4 (Phil. 4:13; Eph. 2:10)

Conclusion: Summary truths to consider from the text:

A) We are justified _____.

B) We are sanctified _____.

C) Obeying the Law _____.

“Moses’ law has right but not might; Sin’s law has might but not right; the law of the Spirit has both right and might.”

-T. W. Manson - English scholar 1893-1958

SERMON QUOTES:

Descriptions of Romans 8:

James M. Boice – *“the greatest chapter in the bible.”*

Martin Luther - *“the masterpiece of the New Testament”*; Douglas Moo - *“the inner sanctuary within the cathedral of Christian faith.”*

Martin Lloyd-Jones – *“the most moving chapter.”*

Charles Hodge - *“...he leaves, in the chapter before us, the field of logical argument, and enters on the new and more elevated sphere of joyous exaltation.”*

I.

B)

Leon Morris,

“Condemnation is a forensic term which here includes both the sentence and the execution of the sentence.”

III.

Leon Morris,

“Paul is saying that when the Holy Spirit comes into a person, that person is liberated from bondage to evil and finds a new power within, a power that causes the defeat of sin and leads the liberated person into ways of goodness and love.”