

Lesson 6, ROMANS 8:1-17

The first sentence of Romans 8 is one of the most important scriptures in the Bible. “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” If you were a Jew at the time of Paul, the Law of Moses, (the 10 Commandments and subsequent laws recorded in Leviticus) were the lynchpin of the Jewish faith and their acceptance by God. From the law came the sacrificial system. This chapter of Romans is about our emancipation from the requirements of the Law which focused on sin and death.

1. Read Romans 8:1-4. God could not turn a blind eye to the sins of mankind. He had to provide a way for man to emerge from the pit of sin. In other words, how to be set free from the bondage of sin. How does verse 2 describe the difference now offered through faith in Jesus? How were the “righteous requirements of the law fully met”? Why do you think it was important for Jesus to be “in the likeness of sinful man”? See Hebrews 4:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:21.

2. Read Romans 8:5-10. What are the differences of a mind controlled by sinful nature (the flesh) and one controlled by the Spirit?

3. Jesus quotes Isaiah 61 at the beginning of his ministry in Luke 4:18-19. Compare this to John 8:32. What do you think Jesus meant by the words to “proclaim freedom for the prisoners”? How do these verses relate to our Romans verses?

4. Read Romans 8:11-17. What does it mean to be a co-heir with Jesus Christ? Reading Matthew 12:46-50 with the Romans 8:11-17, do you believe we need to be sinless to be in the family of God?.

5. Once we come to faith, the Spirit of God begins the sanctification process. Define sanctification.

APPLICATION: When we accept Jesus as our savior, we are all set free from the POWER of sin over us. But we are still subject to our flesh and its sinfulness. The role of the Holy Spirit is to convict us and guide us in all truth, to sanctify us. This is a lifelong process. How have you felt the Holy Spirit cleaning up your life?

PRAYER: We praise you Father, that you loved us enough to not leave us in our sinfulness. Like any good father, you want the best for your children and will guide, encourage, and discipline us to be all we are called to be. Living a life committed to you is one of joy, peace, and purpose. Help each of us to respond in obedience to the promptings of your Holy Spirit. Thank you that you did not leave us as orphans but provided the third person of the Trinity to live in us. We pray this in the name of Jesus who chose to die on a cross rather than to live eternally without us. Amen .