

Romans 8:1 Secured & Assured, In Christ

Our salvation is a settled fact. It was settled by Christ on Calvary and there is nothing that can ever change that. Yet we don't always feel that way. Once again, Paul wants to assure us of our salvation and remind us that our hope is in Christ alone

Topics- Assurance

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Security is the objective reality of being in Christ, while assurance is knowing, believing, and resting in that reality.

*Jmac- Security is a Fact, Assurance is a Gift

*Spurgeon- "Faith doth not come by feeling, but through faith arises much of holy feeling."

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"There is therefore"

Romans 5:16 — And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.

Romans 5:18 — Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

1 Corinthians 15:22 — For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

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Romans 6:3 — Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Romans 6:5 — For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Romans 6:11 — Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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“now”

Eternal life is a present reality.

John 5:24 — “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Romans 5:9 — Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

John 3:36 — “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life...”

-John 6:47 — “...he who believes in Me has everlasting life.”

-John 10:28 — “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish...”

-1 John 3:2 — “Beloved, now we are children of God...”

-1 John 5:11–12 — “...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life...”

1 John 5:13 — These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

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No condemnation is a present possession, not something you receive after you become sufficiently sanctified.

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“no condemnation”

condemnation = katakrima(κατάκριμα); an adverse judicial sentence, condemnation.

-Its only other NT uses are Romans 5:16 and 5:18, where Adam’s offense results in condemnation.

“No” (οὐδεὶς) is given special emphasis by its position at the head of the sentence and its separation from its noun. It signifies “not a single one’ of any kind”

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No Condemnation vs. Nothing Condemnable

1 John 2:1 — My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin.

-And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

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Condemnation isn't:

-Conviction

2 Corinthians 7:10 — For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Condemnation isn't:

Conviction

Consequences

Galatians 6:7 — Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Condemnation isn't:

Conviction

Consequences

Correction

Hebrews 12:6 — For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

Proverbs 13:24 — He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

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“to those who are in Christ Jesus”

“in Christ” Breakdown:

-85x total

-82 by Paul

-1 in Acts & 2 in Peter

-164x Paul uses in “Christ/Him/The Lord/Etc”

Romans 8 begins with “no condemnation in Christ” and ends with “no separation in Christ” and in the middle shows that there is “no defeat.”

You are either “in Adam” or “in Christ.” There are no other options.

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1 Corinthians 1:30 — ...of Him you are in Christ Jesus...

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There are no degrees or levels of being in Christ.

Galatians 3:28 — There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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1 Corinthians 3:1 — And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

Even babes are in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17 — Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 11:3 — But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

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1 Thessalonians 4:16 — For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout... And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Its so easy, even dead people can do it!

2 Timothy 1:9 — [God] who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

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“In Christ” is an objective reality, not an experience or feeling.

-While experiences & feelings cannot change the facts, better understanding this fact can radically change our experience & feelings.

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“who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

-This isn't a condition, it is a description.

“Walk” describes the bent or direction of the Christian life

Unbelievers live their lives “according to” (guided and led by) their flesh.

-Believers are guided by the Spirit

-Unbelievers are led by Adam, believers are led by God.

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Colossians 2:6 — As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

Galatians 5:16-17 — I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

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1 John 1:6 — If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

-1 John 1:7 — But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

-1 John 1:8 — If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

-1 John 1:9 — If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Amos 3:3 — Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

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John 6:37 — “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

Psalms 42:5 — Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God...

Are you in Christ?

Was Jesus' death enough to save you?

John 8:32 — "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

1 Corinthians 11:24 — ...do this in remembrance of Me."