

IN THE SPIRIT

ROMANS 8

- There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus. **For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus** from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. **By sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

Romans 8: 1-4

God's Salvation Promise to Believers

- It's Reality – No Condemnation
- It's Reason – Justification
- It's Route – Substitution
- It's Result – Sanctification

The Spirit Changes Our Nature

- For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:5-11

The Un-condemned Life

- This chapter does not stand alone. Chapters 5-8 need to be taken together. Their repeated refrain suggests that they are unfolding various dimensions of our union with Christ.
- through our Lord Jesus Christ (5:11)
- through Jesus Christ our Lord (5:21)
- In Jesus Christ (6:11) In Christ Jesus our Lord (6:23)
- Through Jesus Christ our Lord (7:25)
- In Christ Jesus (8:1) In Christ Jesus our Lord (8:39)

Adopted

- So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if you live by the Spirit you will put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:12-17)