

1. Intro:

- Last week in Romans 7, the Apostle Paul agonized over his sinfulness and the war raging within him between the sin nature and the new life. But he concluded that Jesus is the hope to free him from a life dominated by sin!
- With that struggle with sin and Jesus being the answer for it in mind, Paul, in chapter 8, declares an incredible positional truth for all people who belong to Jesus, and then he supports that truth with 3 more positional truths.
- Paul declares the positional truth that there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus! He then follows that with these 3 positional truths to support that declaration: The Spirit has freed us from sin and death, God saved us from sin's control through Jesus' perfect and bodily sacrifice for our sin, and Jesus satisfied the just requirements of the Law **for** us.

2. Text: Romans 8:1-4

Romans 8:1

- **Incredible positional truth:** There is no **condemnation** for those who belong to Christ Jesus! (In Christ Jesus)
 - Condemnation means "penalty" or God's penalty for sin. And God's just penalty for sin is death and eternal separation from Him in a place of punishment called hell.

Romans 8:2

- **Supporting positional truth 1:** We who belong to Jesus are free from condemnation because... the power of the life-giving **Spirit** freed us from the power of sin that leads to death.
 - **Romans 6:6-8**

Romans 8:3

- **Supporting positional truth 2:** We are free from condemnation because **God** declared an **end** to sin's control over us when Jesus came in a human body and gave his life as a sacrifice for our sin.
 - Because Jesus came as a man and died for our sins, sin's control over us has ended!
 - We're under new management! And there's no condemnation for those who belong to Jesus and who are now under the Holy Spirit's control!

Romans 8:4

- **Supporting Positional truth 3:** We who belong to Jesus are free from condemnation because we are positionally righteous in God's sight as a result of Jesus fully **satisfying** the just requirements of the Law **for** us! (Rom 8:4)
 - Jesus fulfilled the Law **for** us. He obeyed it on our behalf and then transferred His righteousness to us when we trusted the Gospel.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:21:**
 - "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." NLT
 - "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." ESV

3. Application:

- Do you belong to Jesus?
- If you have believed the Gospel, there will never be condemnation for you because of all that Jesus has done for you and because of your new position before God. Rest in your eternally secure relationship with Him.