

## Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 26

### A detailed study/analysis of the Book—Sunday Morning Series

#### Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1—4 (all read)

**Introduction:** On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863, the President of the United States, then Abraham Lincoln, signed an edict proclaiming that the “slaves” and Confederate States were free!

What he signed was called The Emancipation Proclamation. 2,000 years ago, God signed our Emancipation Proclamation on a Cross just outside the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem when His Son went to die for our sins!

Anyone who was a “slave” (a sinner), who desired freedom from sin (emancipation), could have it! God’s “edict” was signed in blood!

#### Now let me tell you about Romans 8:

Many Bible scholars consider this chapter to be the greatest chapter of the book of Romans.

It is what one old dead guy, Griffith Thomas who was responsible along with a couple other guys for Dallas Theological Seminary, said, “*Romans chapter 8 is the chapter of all chapters for the believer!*”

[**Illus**] Skip Heitzig, pastor of calvary Church Albuquerque said, “*I suppose if scripture were pictured as a golden ring,*

*Romans would be the diamond atop that golden ring and chapter 8 would be the shine of that diamond atop that golden ring!”*

This chapter refers to the *Holy Spirit* more than any other chapter in Romans.

Of the 26 mentions of the Holy Spirit in Romans, 18 (some count 19) of them are in this chapter.

Romans 8 opens with “no condemnation” and ends with “no separation!” (Bookends).

Romans 8, the longest chapter of the book, addresses several different subjects related to salvation.

Romans 8 may be divided into 13 major parts as follows:

- A. **Condemnation** (Romans 8:1-4) (Today)
- B. Carnality (Romans 8:5-8)
- C. Confirmation (Romans 8:9-11)
- D. Commitment (Romans 8:12, 13)
- E. Counsel (Romans 8:14)
- F. Children (Romans 8:15-17)
- G. Conflict (Romans 8:17, 18)
- H. Curse (Romans 8:19-23)
- I. Confidence (Romans 8:24, 25)
- J. Communion (Romans 8:26, 27)
- K. Control (Romans 8:28)
- L. Consummation (Romans 8:29, 30)
- M. Care (Romans 8:31-39)

**Subject:** “**Condemnation**”

The subject of *condemnation* is given in the negative here. Salvation results in the removal of condemnation for the sinner.

I. **The Message About No Condemnation (Romans 8:1)**

"There is... now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

The part of this verse which says, "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" is added in this text and is a proven *interpolation* (a corrupting insertion in the text).

**[Interpolation]** something introduced or inserted.

Charles Ryrie says in his study Bible that "*This phrase is not in the best manuscripts.*"

If this phrase is legitimate, it contradicts what other texts of Scripture say about salvation by grace and not by works.

<sup>1</sup> So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. **NLT**

**[Illus]** Other reliable versions such as the NASB, CSB, ESV, and NLT do not have this phrase inserted because the older manuscripts do not have it!

This is great news for the believer.

The "*therefore*" in **verse 1** links us back to the previous verses of chapter 7 – particularly **7: 24-25**...

It is a depressing, defeating picture! It's as if Paul is dragging around a dead carcass on his back!

See **7:15** again...

Note the personal pronouns: 40-45 times! "**I, Me, My...**" Paul had an overdose of Vitamin I!"

Chapter 7 is all about the "chains," bondage, etc. but in Chpt 8, the "chains" fall off!

"There is now, not [one bit] of condemnation!"

It DOES NOT say no "failures, mistakes," but no Condemnation! (CP: **John 5:24**)

It also DOES NOT say "no consequences" for when we do sin but it says, "NO Condemnation!"

Salvation removes forever the Divine condemnation upon the saved one for their sin.

• **The time of the no condemnation.** "Now."

When a person trusts Christ as Savior, the *condemnation* is forever removed immediately.

• **The terms of no condemnation.** "Which are in Christ Jesus."

Salvation is through Jesus Christ.

II. **The Means for No Condemnation (Romans 8:2-4)**

The way to being free from condemnation is stated here.

It involves *both* the Spirit of God and the Son of God.

• **The Work of the Spirit of God.** *"The **law** of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2).*

<sup>2</sup> And because you belong to him, the **power** of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.  
**NLT**

The Holy Spirit is much involved in our salvation.

However, the Spirit's involvement is not apart from Christ Jesus.

It is the law of the Spirit of life *"in Christ Jesus."*

[Note] Please note the differences in the "law" in verse 2 and verse 3...

• **The Work of the Son of God.** *"God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the **law** might be fulfilled in us" (Romans 8:3, 4).*

Jesus Christ is the Savior. Notice 4 things about Him in our text:

**First**, the sending. *"God sending his own son."*

God sent Christ to the earth to die for sinners.

**Second**, the seeing. *"In the likeness of sinful flesh."*

This is the Incarnation.

Man could *see* the Savior incarnated in the likeness of sinful flesh—not in sinful flesh but in the likeness of sinful flesh.

**Third**, the sacrificing. *"For sin"* involves the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary.

Christ did not die a martyr but died for our sins.

**Fourth**, the sanctifying. *"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us."*

The death of Christ made it possible for sinful man to have the righteousness of Christ imputed to him.

### III. **The Manners from No Condemnation (Romans 8:4)**

*"Walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4).*

Salvation affects the manners of the saved one.

This phrase, the same as the interpolation in verse one, speaks here of the effect of salvation upon a person.

Salvation not only changes one's *eternal destiny* but also changes one's *everyday deportment*.

We must not yield to the "power of our flesh" but rather the "power of the Holy Spirit" in our daily walk and behavior!

**Closing:** So, we will stop here for today!

Do you know this Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

Are you yielding daily to the Holy Spirit?

If not, will you accept Him today?

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