

NO CONDEMNATION, NO SEPARATION

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. 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. The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.”

Romans 8:1-3 NLT

1. Condemnation is self loathing. It is demeaning what God says is his masterpiece. It is sinful and does not belong in the life of the believer.

“Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.”

Romans 8:5-6 NLT

2. An awareness of the Holy Spirit will cause us to lose interest in sin.
3. The choice is ours. Be led by the Spirit or be controlled by our sinful nature.
4. The best version of you is you following the Holy Spirit, being led by Him. It is who you were created to be.

“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.”

Romans 8:15-16 NLT

5. God’s adoption goes further than human adoption. He put his nature in you by the Holy Spirit.

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

Romans 8:28 NLT

6. The question that brings God into chaos is “how is God going to use this for good?”

“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?”

Romans 8:31-32 NLT

- 7. The resurrection of Jesus should build our faith for everything else.**

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.”

Romans 8:38 NLT

- 8. God’s love is intended to be a continual source of life for the believer.**