Encounter Church

Sermon Notes

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No Condemnation for Those in Christ

Romans 8:1–4

Slide 1 — Romans 8:1–4

1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. 2 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. 3 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. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

Slide 2 — Romans 8:1 (ESV)

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Slide 3 — Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death…

Slide 4 — 1 John 1:9

9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Slide 5 — Hebrews 10:10, 14

10 For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time…

14 For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

Slide 6 — Romans 6:3–5

3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. 5 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.

Slide 7 — 1 Corinthians 12:27

27 All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

Slide 8 — 1 Corinthians 12:13

13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

Slide 9 — Galatians 2:20

20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Slide 10 — Romans 8:2

2 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.

Slide 11 — Romans 8:2 (ESV)

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Slide 12 — Romans 8:10

10 And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.

Slide 13 — Titus 3:4–6

4 …When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, 5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Slide 14 — Romans 8:3

3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature.

Slide 15 — Romans 7:12

12 …the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good.

Slide 16 — Romans 8:3

3 …because of the weakness of our sinful nature.

Slide 17 — Matthew 5:17

17 “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.

Slide 18 — James 2:10

10 For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws.

Slide 19 — Romans 8:3

3 …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.

Slide 20 — John 6:51

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.

Slide 21 — Hebrews 4:15

15 …he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

Slide 22 — 1 John 4:4

4 But you belong to God, my dear children…the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

Slide 23 — 1 Corinthians 15:55–57

55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” 56 For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. 57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Slide 24 — Romans 8:4

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Slide 27

“Peripateo” — a lifestyle, habitual way of life, or bent.

Slide 28 — Galatians 5:22–23

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

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Entertaining the thought that no condemnation means you can live however you want with no consequences is not a thought that comes from the Holy Spirit. Instead, such a thought is from your sinful human nature.