

No Condemnation

Lesson 9

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,

Today, we arrive finally at Romans 8. We've been marching our way through this text with this destination in mind and we're going to spend a couple of weeks just teaching this chapter. Romans 8 is rich in theology.

It's written as you know by the apostle Paul to both a Jewish audience and a Gentile audience who were both Christians in Rome about 57 A.D. Paul's writing this from the city of Corinth. He pens this letter to Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians who are living in Rome, calling them to unity and really presenting them, over and over and over, with the Gospel.

Romans 8 is the Gospel in every way, from every angle that it can be preached. There's a lot about this chapter that just feels like the Holy Spirit is just rubbing our face in the Gospel so that we see it. All of the basics: both the simplicity of the Gospel and the deep theological trenches that come from the Gospel.

As we move through four verses today, verses 1-4, we're going to look at *how we are free from punishment, how we are free from the law, and how we are free to live.*

1. WE ARE FREE FROM PUNISHMENT.

2. WE ARE FREE FROM THE LAW.

- a. Ceremonial Laws
- b. Civil Laws
- c. Moral Laws

3. WE ARE FREE TO LIVE IN CHRIST.

- a. Surrender to the spirit.
- b. Live in gratitude to the Spirit.
- c. Live in the freedom that God provides.