

# ROMANS

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SERMON: GOOD NEWS: In Christ, I Have Life!

SCRIPTURE:

ROMANS 8:1-11, NLT

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.

5 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. 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. 7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) 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. 11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

## **The Central Idea:**

"In Christ, I am given new life: free from condemnation, liberated from the power of sin, spiritually alive, and assured of eternal life."

## **The Outline:**

**I. IN CHRIST, I AM FREE FROM CONDEMNATION (ROMANS 8:1-4)**

**II. IN CHRIST, I AM FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN (ROMANS 8:5-8)**

**III. IN CHRIST, I AM SPIRITUALLY ALIVE (ROMANS 8:9-10)**

**IV. IN CHRIST, I WILL EXPERIENCE LIFE FOREVER (ROMANS 8:11)**

## **LIFE APPLICATION SERMON GUIDE**

1. In the context of the message's theme "In Christ, I Have Life!", how do forgiveness and freedom from condemnation intersect with personal accountability and responsibility for one's actions?
2. How can moments of confession and repentance in our lives mirror the spiritual truths outlined in Romans 8:1-11? How does this experience shape our understanding of grace and redemption?
3. Considering the explanation of being free from the power of sin in Romans 8:5-8, discuss the challenges individuals may face in letting go of sinful habits and thought patterns. How can the transformative power of the Holy Spirit bring about lasting change in someone's life?
4. In the context of Romans 8:9-10, explore the significance of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in believers. How does this spiritual reality influence our identity, actions, and relationships with others?
5. The promise of eternal life in Romans 8:11 is a central theme in the message. How does the assurance of life after death impact the way we live our lives in the present? How can this hope influence our perspectives on suffering, purpose, and the pursuit of worldly success?