

No Condemnation Pt. 3

Romans 8:1–4

Romans 8:1–4 (NKJV)

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Introduction

One of the most beautiful realities of Salvation is the eternal nature of it. It is not a temporary salvation. It is not a temporary reprieve of Justice

or wrath. It is a complete elimination and removal of the just deserts of the sinner.

Once the declaration and imputation has occurred there is never a possibility of it ever being overturned, or amended.

I love what Jesus said,

John 10:27–29 (NKJV)

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

The reason this is true is found in the Justice of God

Romans 8:31–35 (NKJV)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who

also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Lesson:

- 1 The Reality of no Condemnation
- 2 The Reason for no Condemnation= Justification
- 3 The Route of no Condemnation = Substitution
- 4 The Result of no Condemnation Sanctification

1 The Reality of No Condemnation

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, (who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.) *not in earlier manuscripts*

Once Condemned

John 3:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already,

John 3:36 (NKJV)....and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Now not Condemned

1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,

Ουδεν αρα νυν **κατακριμα** τοις εν Χριστω Ιησου

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no one, none

Original Word: οὐδείς, οὐδεμία, οὐδέν

John 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned;

John 5:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has

everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment,
but has passed from death into life.

how is the possible

There is therefore now no condemnation to
those who are in Christ Jesus,

Ουδεν αρα νυν κατακριμα **τοις εν Χριστω**
Ιησου
τοις to dative, to or for the ones

in Christ Jesus,

1 Corinthians 15:22 (NKJV)

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Romans 6:5 (NKJV)

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,

1 The Reality of No Condemnation- Condemnation

2 The Reason for No Condemnation- Justification

we are made righteous Imputed Righteousness.

² **For** the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

² **For** the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free

So what is this that has made us Free??

² **For** the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

ο **γαρ** νομος του πνευματος της ζωης εν Χριστω Ιησου ηλευθερωσεν με απο του νομου της αμαρτιας και του θανατου

² For

1063 γάρ (a conjunction) – for. While "for" is usually the best translation of 1063 (gár), its sense is shaped by the preceding statement – the "A" statement which precedes the 1063 (gár) statement in the "A-B" unit.

1063. γάρ gar; a contr. of **γε ἄρα ge ara** (*verily then*); *for, indeed* (a conjunc. used to express cause, explanation, inference or continuation):—actually(1), after(1), **after all(1)**, although(1), **because(2)**, indeed(1), since(1), then(2), though(1), well(3), what(1), why(3), yes(2).

Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

So what is this that has made us Free??

Answer:

² For the **law** of the Spirit of life
in Christ Jesus

ο γαρ **νομος** του πνευματος της ζωης εν Χριστω Ιησου

law

3551 /νόμος ("law") then can refer to "the Law," or "law" as a general principle (or both simultaneously).

The particular sense(s) of 3551 (νόμος) is determined by the context.

The Law is that which binds, commands, constrains coerces, or as principle reality. desires, absolutes

Lets define the terms in the passage

² **For** the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

the Spirit of life

This in no doubt a reference to the Holy Spirit, the one who gives live.

Romans 8:5 (NKJV)

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:9–11 (NKJV)

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

the Spirit of life

It is the Spirit **who gives life**

John 3:5–8 (NKJV)

⁵ Jesus answered, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.** ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Titus 3:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the **washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit**, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, in Christ Jesus

² For (because) the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus *has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

This

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are **in Christ Jesus** is all based on in Christ Jesus

Romans 6:3–4 (NKJV)

³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:7–10 (NKJV)

⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

Romans 5:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift* came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

8 *There is* therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus,

² **For (Because)** the law of the Spirit of life
in Christ Jesus

has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Paul is saying that all terms are involved in the liberty from sin and death.

the law of the Spirit of life
in Christ Jesus

This is a summation of all the terms and phrases Paul has used to describe our Salvation in Christ, that has granted us Justification

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 5:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Romans 6:3 (NKJV)

³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Romans 6:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

Romans 6:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ,

Romans 7:6 (NKJV)

⁶ But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

Romans 7:24–25 (NKJV)

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

² For (because) the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

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ηλευθερωσεν Aorist A. I—a past completed event.

eleutheroó: to make free, fig. to exempt (from liability)

Original Word: ἑλευθερόω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: eleutheroó

Phonetic Spelling: (el-yoo-ther-o'-o)

Definition: to make free, to exempt (from liability)

Usage: I free, set free, liberate.

Cognate: 1659 eleutheróō – properly, set free, release from bondage; (figuratively) to remove the restrictions of sin (darkness) because delivered by God into true spiritual liberty (growth). [See 1658](#) (eleutheros).

Jn 8:36: "So if the Son makes you free ([1659](#) / eleutheróō), you will be free ([1658](#) /eleútheros) indeed" (NASU).

From [eleutheros](#); to liberate, i.e. (figuratively) to exempt (from moral, ceremonial or mortal liability)

John 8:31–32 (NKJV)

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples**

indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:36 (NKJV)

³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Romans 6:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Romans 6:22 (NKJV)

²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Romans 8:21 (NKJV)

²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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

what is the law of sin

1. The law of sin is in our members

Romans 7:21–23 (NKJV)

²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

2. It wars against (opposite of) the law of my mind, Law of God

Romans 7:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

3. the Law of Sin in our members produces death.

Romans 7:5 (NKJV)

⁵ For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death,

Sin brings death.

To be Set free from sin frees from death

We are free from

1. The Penalty of Sin

Romans 6:23(NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. The Power of Sin

Romans 6:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

3. The Presence of Sin.

Romans 6:22 (NKJV)

²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Galatians 5:1–5 (NKJV)

5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. ² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. ³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. ⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to be justified by law*; you have fallen from grace. ⁵ For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus *has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

We are pardoned, we are free from the old law of sin and death (7:7–24)

Robertson, A. T. (1933). [Word Pictures in the New Testament](#) (Ro 8:2). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

There is no condemnation because of what Christ has done in freeing people from the law that condemns

Morris, L. (1988). [The Epistle to the Romans](#) (p. 300). Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press.

Paul's use of the first person singular pronouns (*I* and *me*) in 7:7–25 emphasizes the sad reality that, in this present life, no Christian, not even an apostle, is exempt from struggles with sin. In the opening verses of chapter 8, on the other hand, Paul emphasizes the marvelous reality that *every* believer, even the weakest and most unproductive, shares in complete and eternal freedom from sin's condemnation. The holiest of believers are warned that, although they are no longer under sin's slavish dominion, they will experience conflicts with it in this present life. And the weakest of believers are promised that, although they still stumble and fall into sin's power in their flesh, they will experience ultimate victory over sin in the life to come

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 1, p. 401). Chicago: Moody Press.

Martin Luther said,

What gives peace to the conscience is that by faith our sins are no more ours, but Christ's, upon whom God hath laid them all; and that, on the other hand, all Christ's righteousness is ours, to whom God hath given it. Christ lays His hand upon us, and we are healed. He casts His mantle upon us, and we are clothed; for He is the glorious Savior, blessed for ever. (Cited in Robert Haldane, *An*

Exposition of Romans; [reprint, McLean, Va.: McDonald, 1958], p. 312)

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3 The Route of No Condemnation - Substitution

³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

³ For what the law **could not do** in that it was weak through the flesh,
 Το γαρ **αδυνατον** του νομου εν ω ησθενει δια της σαρκος
For the powerlessness of the law

What is it that the law could not do?

Romans 3:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Romans 4:13 (NKJV)

¹³ For the promise that he would be the heir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 9:31–32 (NKJV)

³¹ but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. ³² Why? Because *they did* not *seek it* by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

Acts 13:39 (NKJV)

³⁹ and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Galatians 2:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Galatians 5:4 (NKJV)

⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

But the Law can save !

Matthew 19:16–17 (NKJV) Rich young ruler

¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

¹⁷ So He said to him, “**Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.**”

Luke 10:25–28 (NKJV)

²⁵ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ He said to him, “**What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?**”

²⁷ So he answered and said, “ ‘*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,*’ and ‘*your neighbor as yourself.*’ ”

²⁸ And He said to him, “**You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.**”

Leviticus 18:5 (NKJV)

⁵ You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I *am* the Lord.

Ezekiel 20:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, ‘which, *if* a man does, he shall live by them.’

Romans 10:5 (NKJV)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, *“The man who does those things shall live by them.”*

So the law could save but.....

³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh,

The law is not weak , It could save. It is strong, it is

Romans 7:12 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore the **law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.**

So the law is not the problem.

³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh,

Someone once compared this thought

to a person digging with a strong steel shovel with a wood handle. While digging in the hard soil,

the wooden handle broke. the Steel shovel was fine but the handle was weak. So the law is as hard as steel and has no weakness. But the Flesh ie. the handle is weak.

weak Imperfect active Ind.

astheneó: to be weak, feeble

Original Word: ἀσθενέω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: astheneó

Phonetic Spelling: (as-then-eh'-o)

Definition: to be weak, **feeble**

Usage: I am weak (physically: then morally), I am **sick**.

Cognate: 770 asthenéō – **to be ill**, without strength; to languish. [See 772](#) (asthenēs).

Romans 5:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Galatians 3:21–22 (NKJV)

²¹ Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. ²² But the Scripture has

confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Hebrews 10:1–4 (NKJV)

10 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. ² For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. ³ But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

Romans 8:3 (NKJV)

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