

Now No Condemnation in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:1 *There is* therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**. 2 For the law of the **Spirit** of life **in Christ Jesus** hath **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 sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh**, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of **the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit**. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the **Spirit** the things of the **Spirit**. 6 For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**. 7 Because the carnal mind **is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, **neither indeed can be**. 8 So then they that are in the **flesh cannot please God**. 9 But **ye are not in the**

flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God** dwell in you. **Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.** 10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the **Spirit** *is* life because of righteousness. 11 But if the **Spirit** of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his **Spirit** that dwelleth in you.

- The emphasis in this chapter will be the Holy Spirit. He is mentioned 19 times in these verses
- In the 11 verses that we will look at this morning He is mentioned 11 times
- Someone said that Romans 8 had become peculiarly precious to him because of its outline, it begins with “no condemnation,” ends with “no separation,” and in between, “no defeat.”
- After the struggle that the mature believer has against sin we see that victory comes from and through Jesus Christ

- He won the victory and the Holy Spirit will work out that victory in us
- We are spiritual. We live in and walk in the Spirit.
- We are not in Adam or the flesh
- We do not have a carnal mind but that does not mean that we do not do anything fleshy nor have fleshly thoughts

1. Truths about those that are in the flesh

a. They mind things of the flesh **5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the **Spirit** the things of the **Spirit.****

- To mind the things of the flesh means to have that mindset.
- It is to give your will, affections, and conscience to it
- It is to have an opinion that would be according to the flesh or not the Spirit
- It is the idea of being devoted to
- It is the idea of pride and arrogance meaning I think about me and what I can do

b. They are carnally minded **6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7**

Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, **neither indeed can be.**

- i. The carnal mind basically means to think on things that relate to bodily pleasures and appetites
 - ii. Having to do with the senses
 - iii. The lower nature of a person
 - iv. It almost means to have an animal like existence
- c. They cannot please God **8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**
- i. If you think on yourself you cannot please God
 - ii. If you think about what makes you happy or pleases you then you cannot please God
- d. Those that are in the flesh refers to a specific group
- i. It is those that are not saved
 - ii. They are not after the things of God
 - iii. They hate God
 - iv. They will not obey God
 - v. They can't even obey God **7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, **neither indeed can be.****
 - vi. Those in the flesh refers to those still in Adam, in their sin, not saved, not born again

vii. The flesh refers to those in rebellion to God and His will for their lives

2. Truths about those that are in the Spirit

- a. There is no condemnation for them [Romans 8:1](#) *There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**.*
- b. They are in Christ Jesus
- c. The righteousness of the law can be fulfilled in them [4](#) *That the righteousness of **the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit***
- d. It is the work of the Holy Spirit that will bring us to see the law fulfilled in us
- e. They think on the things of the Spirit, of God [5](#) *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the **Spirit** the things of the **Spirit**.*
- f. They are born again and the Holy Spirit is in them [9](#) *But **ye are not in the flesh, but in the***

Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God** dwell in you.

Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

g. Those in the Spirit are new creatures and desire His kingdom and His rule. They want Him to have full power over them

3. We are free from judgment **8:1** *There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

a. In Adam we were condemned

b. In Christ there is no condemnation

c. Put emphasis on the word "NOW"

i. We were condemned before

ii. But we have been delivered by Jesus and His work on the cross

iii. We were condemned when we were in Adam but we have been born again

d. Put an emphasis on the word "NO"

i. That means none

ii. We will never be condemned [John 5:24](#) **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

e. There is no condemnation because we are in Christ

i. In Christ we have new life

ii. In Christ our sins were paid for

f. No condemnation doesn't mean no mistakes, no failures, or no sins because Christians still sin!

4. God does the saving

a. The law was weak and could not save us [3](#) **For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

i. The weakness was our inability to keep the law

ii. And the law's inability to make us keep it

b. God the Father sent His Son [3](#) **For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

- i. He came only in the likeness of sinful flesh
 - ii. Jesus knew no sin
 - iii. He lived a righteous life and condemned sin
- c. Jesus came and did everything right **8:1** *There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**.*
- i. It is through Jesus and what He did that we are saved
 - ii. Our salvation is in Christ Jesus
 - iii. In Christ Jesus we have been made free from the law **2**
*For the law of the **Spirit** of life **in Christ Jesus** hath **made me free from the law** of sin and death.*
- d. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to produce holiness in us **4** *That the righteousness of **the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit**.*
- i. What we could never do on our own the Holy Spirit does in us
 - ii. We live out the law because of His power and His working in us

- iii. The Christian should never think that he is to do what he feels is right in his heart but rather what the Word of God says and through the power of the Holy Spirit
- e. Every good work produced in us will be by the work of the Holy Spirit **9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit,** if so be that the **Spirit of God** dwell in you. **Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

5. What are the lessons we take home today

- a. We are not in the flesh and these verses make that clear if we are truly born again
 - i. We can review what a person in the flesh is like to see if we are saved
 - ii. Do sensual, carnal, selfish things rule in your heart?
 - iii. Do you have a secret dislike or even hatred for God?
 - iv. Does God being God make you mad?
 - v. Does it bother you that the Bible teaches that you should please God and want to please Him?
 - vi. Does the idea that God sits in judgment over you make you angry?

- vii. Do you get really tired of the Bible and all that God has to say?
- b. We can be sure of our salvation and how God feels about us right now **Romans 8:1** *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit.***
- i. We recognize that our salvation is from what Jesus did on the cross and not our keeping His commandments
- ii. God has saved us through the work of Christ on the cross
- c. We have no excuse to sin because the One who kept the law lives in us and works in us
- d. The law has no power over us but neither does sin
- e. No condemnation in no way means that we will not be chastised or disciplined. Nor does it mean that we will not sin or fail God
- f. We are saved by God and what He does not anything that we have done
- g. The same God that saved me is at work sanctifying me or making me holy

- h. We are empowered to live out the new life that He has placed in us! We can and do have victory over sin
- i. I should never take no condemnation or His grace in my life as an excuse to sin. Actually, I should hunger more for holiness than ever before. I should love His law and what is right