

The Glorious Truths of Romans 8

WE ARE FREE FROM CONDEMNATION (ROMANS 8:1-4)

This chapter begins with the word “therefore.” To understand the chapter, we need to look back at what Paul has taught previously in Romans and lay a doctrinal foundation for this truth. Be patient!

1. To truly understand the glorious truth that *there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus*, we need to understand condemnation. Use your dictionary to define “condemnation.”

2. Summarize briefly in your own words why, without Jesus, we stand condemned and guilty, according to what Paul taught earlier in Romans:
 - a. Romans 1:18

 - b. Romans 2:5-9

 - c. Romans 3:10-20,23

3. But there is good news for us, even though we are condemned because of our sin and unrighteousness. What is it?
 - a. John 3:16-19

b. Romans 5:8-9

c. Ephesians 2:4-9

4. In Romans 5, Paul explains how sin entered the world through Adam, and how grace came through Jesus' death on the cross. Look especially at verses 15-19. Fill out the table below.

Effects of Adam's sin

Effects of Jesus' obedience

5. Paul qualifies his statement of "*no condemnation*" by saying that it applies to "*those who are in Christ Jesus.*" "*In Christ Jesus*" is a phrase Paul uses quite often. What do you learn from the following verses about that person who is "*in Christ Jesus?*"

a. Romans 8:2

b. I Corinthians 1:30

c. II Corinthians 5:17

d. Galatians 3:28

e. Ephesians 2:10-13

11. Jesus Christ did what the law was unable to do. He kept the law perfectly, and then took our punishment as He bore our sins on the cross, fulfilling the righteous requirement of the law for us. According to Romans 5:20-21, what was the result?

12. The law could not make us holy. The Christian life is not “one long endeavor to be good.” So how can we live a righteous life according to Romans 8:4b? (We’ll talk more about this in the coming weeks.)

13. How do the following verses say that holy living is possible?

a. Galatians 5:16

b. Philippians 2:13

14. Write a prayer of praise for this glorious truth that WE ARE FREE FROM CONDEMNATION.

