

## The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

## The Great Romans 8

*No Condemnation: The Assurance of the Christian*

### ➤ “Therefore now...” (8:1)

- marks a significant conclusion to the entire preceding section on justification (especially 5:1ff – “hope”)
- Paul reasserts the Christian’s assurance in a new form by including the subjects of chapters 6-7

<sup>1</sup> Therefore now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

<sup>3</sup> For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

<sup>4</sup> so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

(Romans 8:1-4)

## No Condemnation

### 1. The Reality: No Condemnation!

- both the pronouncement and execution of God’s judgment are removed from us
- this is the present reality only for those who are “in Christ Jesus”

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### 2. The Reason

#### A. Liberation by the Spirit

- the power of the Spirit who confers life has set us free from the power of sin that leads to death
- this complete liberation from sin’s rule is our present position “in Christ Jesus”

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### 2. The Reason

#### B. Condemnation of sin in Christ

- the law had no ability to deliver anyone from sin's power and thus give life
- God executed his judgment on sin in the atoning death of his Son

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### 3. The Result

#### ➤ *Fulfillment of the righteous ordinance of the law?*

- the life which the law offered is fulfilled in us – in our resurrection

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- Implication: *God is for us, not against us!*