

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Romans 8

No Condemnation: The Assurance of the Christian

¹ Therefore now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ 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, ⁴ in order that the righteous ordinance of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not able *to do so*, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. ¹⁰ If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet 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 Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

(Romans 8:1-11)

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- No Condemnation (v1) to Resurrection (v11)
 - the Holy Spirit is the key agent of both
 - the role of the Spirit in giving life is contrasted with the flesh which produces death (v5-11)

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- Connection between 8:1-4 and 8:5-11?
 - No condemnation/resurrection is true only for those who walk according to the Spirit, and not for those who walk according to the flesh
 - “for” (because) the Spirit brings life and the flesh brings death (v5-11)

Overview of Romans 8:5-11

- Contrasts the Christian and the Non-Christian
 - Christians are those who walk according to the Spirit; their lives are determined and directed by the values of the new age
 - Non-Christians are those who walk according to the flesh; their lives are determined and directed by the values of "this world"

The Spirit and the Flesh

1. The Mindset

- those whose lives are determined by the flesh regard things with an attitude characterized by the values and desires of "this world"
- those whose lives are determined by the Spirit regard things with an attitude characterized by the values and desires of the "new age"

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2. The Outcome

- those with the mindset determined and characterized by the flesh experience death
- those with the mindset determined and characterized by the Spirit experience life and peace

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3. The Explanation

- the mindset of the flesh is necessarily hostile to God and all His purposes
- those in the flesh cannot submit to God's law and cannot please God

¹And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)...

(Ephesians 2:1-5)

²¹ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds,

²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.

(Colossians 1:21-22)