

“THE GREATEST CHAPTER IN THE BIBLE”
Romans 8 Message Outlines



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“Set Free from Sin by the Spirit of God” (Romans 8:1-4)

I. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (verse 1)

- John 3:16-18

II. Why is there no condemnation? Because the law of the Spirit set us free from the law of sin (verse 2)

- Romans 7:12

Three different types of law in Romans 8:

- 1) the law of Moses (has righteousness, but no power)
- 2) the law of sin (has power, but no righteousness)
- 3) the law of the Spirit (has both righteousness and power)

III. Why do we need the law of the Spirit? Because the Law of Moses was powerless to help, so God sent his Son and condemned sin (verse 3)

- Luke 18:27

God sent his Son in the likeness of sinful man: *“not ‘as a sinful person,’ for Jesus was sinless; not ‘in the likeness of humanity,’ for Jesus was fully human; but ‘in the likeness of sinful humanity’ for Jesus was both completely sinless and fully human.”* (John Stott)

IV. What was God’s purpose in condemning sin? That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who live by the Spirit. (verse 4)

The law of the Spirit does it all! It fulfills the righteous requirement of Moses’ law, and it sets us free from the power of sin’s law. Through Christ we have been set free from sin by the Spirit of God.

“Living according to the Spirit” (Romans 8:5-11)

I. Your life follows your mind (5-6)

A. You live according to what your mind is set on (5)
- Romans 12:2

B. The mind set on sinful things results in death; the mind set on the Spirit results in life and peace (6)
- Galatians 5:19-23

II. When you live according to the sinful nature (7-8)

A. Your mind is hostile to God (7a)

B. Your mind does not and cannot submit to God's law (7b)

C. Therefore, you cannot please God (8)

III. When the Spirit of God lives in you (9-11)

A. You are controlled by the Spirit (9)
- John 14:16-17

B. Your spirit is alive because of righteousness (10)
- Ephesians 2:4-5

C. The Spirit will also give life to your body (11)
- Ezekiel 36:26-27

“Children of God and Heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:12-17)

I. You have a new obligation (12-14)

- A. You have no obligation to the sinful nature (12)
- Romans 6:20-21

- B. You are called to put sinful deeds to death by the Spirit (13)
- Colossians 3:5

- C. You are called to follow the Spirit (14)
- Galatians 5:16

II. You have a new family (15-16)

- A. You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear (15a)
- Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 John 4:18

- B. You received the Spirit of sonship and call on God as your Father (15b)
- Matthew 6:9; Mark 14:36

- C. God's Spirit testifies with your spirit that you are God's child (16)
- Galatians 4:6

III. You have a new future (17)

- A. You are an heir of God and co-heir with Christ (17a)
- Galatians 4:7; Ephesians 1:13-14; Hebrews 1:2

- B. You share in Christ's sufferings that you may also share in his glory (17b)
- Matthew 5:11-12; 1 Peter 1:6-7

“The Hope of Future Glory” (Romans 8:18-27)

I. Our hope for a new creation (18-21)

- A. The creation waits for God’s glory to be revealed in us (18-19)
- 2 Corinthians 4:17
- B. The creation was subjected to frustration at the fall (20)
- Genesis 3:17
- C. The creation will be freed from its present bondage to decay (21)
- Isaiah 65:17-19; 2 Peter 3:13

II. Our hope for the resurrection of the body (22-25)

- A. We who have the Spirit groan along with creation (22-23)
- John 16:21,33
- B. We wait eagerly for the redemption of our bodies (23)
- Philippians 3:20-21
- C. We wait patiently for what we do not yet have (24-25)
- 2 Corinthians 4:18

III. Our hope for God’s help in the present (26-27)

- A. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (26)
- James 5:13
- B. The Spirit helps us pray (26-27)
- 1 John 5:14-15
 - 1) intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express
 - 2) intercedes for us in accordance with God’s will

“God’s Good Purpose of Salvation” (Romans 8:28-30)

I. God works all things for good for believers (28)

- A. God works all things for good
 - suffering; sickness; sin; salvation (ex. Joseph; Job; Jesus)
- B. For believers
 - love God; called according to his purpose

II. God’s works out his good purpose for you in salvation (29-30)

- A. God foreknew you (i.e. chose you) (cf. Acts 2:23; 1 Pet 1:20)
 - 1) God chose you because he loved you (Dt 7:7-8; Jer 31:3)
 - 2) God chose you before the creation of the world (Eph 1:4)
- B. God predestined you (John 6:37,39; Ephesians 1:11)
 - 1) Those God foreknew, he also predestined
 - 2) God specifically predestined you to be made like Jesus
- C. God called you (Matt 22:14; 2 Tim 1:9; Jude 1)
 - 1) Those God predestined, he also called
 - 2) Two types of calling in the Bible (outward and inward)
- D. God justified you (Romans 5:1)
 - 1) Those God called, he also justified
 - 2) Justified by faith: God calls; we believe; God justifies
- E. God glorified you (i.e. will glorify you) (Philippians 1:6)
 - 1) Those God justified, he also glorified
 - 2) Your future glory is as certain as if it already happened

III. Your assurance as a believer in Christ

- A. Based on God’s gracious choice in the past
- B. Based on God’s effectual call in the present
- C. Based on God’s certain promise for the future

“More than Conquerors through Christ” (Romans 8:31-39)

I. God is for you, not against you (31-34)

- A. God who gave his own Son will graciously give you all things along with him (31-32) (Genesis 22:12)

- B. God who justifies you will not allow any charge to be brought against those he has chosen (33) (Isaiah 50:8-9)

- C. Jesus who died for you prays for you and turns away any and all condemnation (34) (Romans 8:1; 1 John 2:1)

II. Nothing can separate you from God’s love (35-39)

- A. Neither trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger nor sword (35-36) (Psalm 44:22)

- B. In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us (37) (Galatians 2:20)

- C. Nothing can separate you from God’s love for you in Christ (38-39)
 - neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons
 - neither the present nor the future, nor any powers
 - neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation (Ephesians 3:18)

“The Lord is on my side. I will not fear. What can man do to me?”
(Psalm 118:6)