



## WE ARE NO LONGER CONDEMNED

Romans 8:1-4

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Good morning church! Paul knows the Roman Christians — especially Jewish ones — would most likely have questions about how the law of God relates to their faith in Christ. The Christian should continue to obey God's law, while at the same time having freedom from the law because of God's grace. This relationship is explained by Paul in our recent studies of Chapter 7 and today in Chapter 8.

### **Paul teaches that...**

1. The law can no longer CONDEMN a believer (7:1-6)
2. The law CONVICTS unbelievers (and believers) of sin (7:7-13)
3. The law cannot DELIVER a believer from sin (7:14-25)
4. Believers who walk in the power of the Spirit can ACCOMPLISH the law (8:1-4)

### **Romans 8:1-4**

*"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."*

In Chapter 8, Paul speaks heavily of the work and person of the Holy Spirit (nearly 20 times). It's by God's Holy Spirit working in us that we can please the Father and Son of God by obeying the Law.

#### **I. The Holy Spirit FREES Believers from SIN and DEATH (v. 1-3)**

- NO sin a believer commits can be held AGAINST him.
- Our sin PENALTY was PAID by Christ.
- No sin will ever REVERSE this eternal DECISION.

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."*

**Hebrews 4:15**

*“who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” **Philippians 2:6-8***

*“Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.”  
**Galatians 3:21***

## **II. The Holy Spirit ENABLES Believers to ACCOMPLISH the Law (v. 4)**

*“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” **Matthew 6:24***

*“And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **Matthew 22:37-39***

- Believers who walk in the POWER of the Spirit can ACCOMPLISH the law.
- The MATURITY Covenant is a commitment to the HABITS necessary for growth.

*“You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. **18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen” **2 Peter 3:17-18***