

Chap 8:1-13



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Where have we been so far?

- Greeting and Introduction of the Gospel
- All have sinned, we need the Gospel by faith
- Faith: to take God at His word and obey
- Justification by faith secures your future
- Choose to do right sin is not your master
- The struggle is real, but the victory is real

Paul's Himalayas - Romans 8 is Mt Everest

- Chap 8 – the Gospel of the Holy Spirit
 - Chap 7 – law 22 times / Spirit 1 time
 - Chap 8 – law 4 times / Spirit 21 times
- The Victorious Christian life is available through the ministry of the Holy Spirit

“The two ways” of OT wisdom literature

- Two lifestyles / sets of priorities / paths
 - Psalm 1 and Proverbs 4:10–19
- Satan is absent / not mentioned until 16:20
 - Mankind chooses to follow the way of wicked (or not) and has no excuse!

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- In justification, condemnation is removed
 - This is a legal term
 - We are declared not guilty (verdict)
 - There is no penalty (sentence)

Romans 8:2

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

- Explaining why there is no condemnation
- What are the two uses of “law”?
- Result? We are free – from what & to what?

Romans 8:3a

³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

- *“weakened by the flesh”*
 - We cannot obey, so the law cannot justify
 - And so God acts – Jesus obeys and justification is imputed to us from Him

Romans 8:3b

By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh

- How? God gives Himself...
 - “likeness of flesh” – Jesus is fully God
 - “condemned sin in the flesh” – fully man

Romans 8:4

4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us...

- Why does God give Himself?
 - So we might live a moral life (S on the M)
 - Frees us to do what is right and live the life to which we have been called...Why?

Romans 8:5

Series of contrasts

*5 For those who live according to the flesh
set their minds on the things of the flesh,
but those who live according to the Spirit
set their minds on the things of the Spirit.*

- “Live according to x”? ὄντες (eimi) – “are”
- What does it mean to “set your mind”?
- What are the things of the flesh / Spirit?

Romans 8:6

Two destinations

6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

- Path 1 results in death – Gal 5:19-21
- Path 2 results in life and peace – Gal 5:22

Rom 8:7-8

Setting up v9

7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

- Flesh centered mind: hostile / unsubmitive and cannot please God

Rom 8:9a

Series of qualified indicatives

*9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in
the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells
in you.*

- Conclusion based on an assumption

Rom 8:9b-10

...¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

- Assumption then a conclusion
- Present tense of the verbs is critical

Rom 8:11

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he... will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

- v10 sets up the promise of v11

Rom 8:12-13

Cooperate in sanctification

...but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

- Luke 9:23-25

- Justification is the grounds of Sanctification

- Sanctification is the proof of Justification

Summary

- No condemnation, the Spirit sets us free
- For God has done what the Law could not
- By sending His son to die on the Cross
- That we might live a righteous life
- If we put to death the deeds of the flesh
- Through the Spirit, we will live

The Gospel

The Battle is in your Mind

The “victory is real” and the victory is now

*There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus. (v1)*

- What Christ has done, has set you free
 - Stuck in chap 7 / Galatians 5:19-21?
 - Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 10:5, Phil 4:8 & Rom 8



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