



Have You Shared the Good News Today?!

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 8:1

Romans chapter 8 is extremely encouraging. It starts with no condemnation and ends with no separation. It describes the new life of the believer in relation to the Holy Spirit and His work in and through us.

Paul begins by summing up:

- How death came through Adam and life comes through Christ.
- How believers are now dead to sin and alive in Christ.
- How believers are no longer slaves to sin because we now live in a new era where we are now slaves to righteousness.
- How we have been released from the Law and are now bound to Christ.
- And, it is Jesus who rescued us from the body of death.

Paul sums it all up, ***“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!”*** That is an amazing statement. It means being found innocent of the accusation, to have no sentence inflicted, and no guilty verdict found.

What you talkin' about, Willis? We all know how bad we can be and how short we seem to fall when compared to God's righteousness. It is only by the grace of God that we have any hope! It is not by anything we do—it is a free gift from God. By His free gift (Romans 5:15-17), believers in Jesus will not face condemnation. We are free to serve God in the new way of the Spirit—it is powerful! That is Paul's point.

Notice Paul did not say, “One day soon,” or “in the future.” He said, “There is *now* no condemnation.” Did you catch that? It is a present reality for believers. Yes, right now in the present, the moment a believer places their faith in Christ they are immediately set free from the Law of sin and death. They are now free to live in the realm of the Spirit (see Romans 7:6). They are now made right in God's sight by virtue of the work of Christ on the cross. God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves: He sent His son to rescue us.

The solution to our problem—our deepest need—lies in the **finished** work of Christ's death on the cross. Because of our union with Christ, there is no condemnation—our future deliverance from death has invaded the present world we now live in!

This means for us: we are set free. We are free now to live in the new way of love as we bear fruit to God.

That is why it is called the gospel—the good news. Paul's statement was an exclamation of victory.

PRAYER: Lord thank You for the good news.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 2

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