

Romans – The Crown Jewel of Salvation

35 – Christ Has Set You Free

Romans 8:1-4

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1. You are no longer condemned!

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

“therefore now” – Emphatic, declarative conclusion

The Penalty of Sin - bearing the wrath of God for eternity...was paid for completely!

Romans 5:12-21 shows us that we are utterly condemned. Our sin has earned us condemnation. We deserve every bit of condemnation for our sin.

We have been declared not guilty through Christ. This is a legal declaration that we are not guilty.

Even though we have earned the wrath of God it will not be poured out on us!

How is this possible?

“He was for us in the place of condemnation; we are in him where all condemnation has spent its force.” Marcus Loane, *The Hope of Glory*, p 15.

All of the force of condemnation for our sin was spent on Christ that we might be freed of it.

2. You are now free from the power of sin and death!

Romans 8:2-3 “For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 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...”

Not only are we freed from the penalty, but also the power of sin, which leads to death.

Law (vs 2) – Principle, Authority, or Power

We have been liberated from the realm of sin and death. It is no longer our master... we are no longer its slave.

Law (vs 3) – Mosaic Law

God, through Christ, did what the law, weakened by our flesh, could not do.

It could not bring salvation, but Christ became our substitute!

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Christ condemned sin in the flesh... broke it's power!

“In executing the full sentence of condemnation against sin, God effectively removed sin’s ability to ‘dictate terms’ for those who are ‘in Christ’ (v2). The condemnation that our sins deserve has been poured out on Christ, our sin-bearer; that is why ‘there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus’(v1).” Doug Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*, p 481.

3. You can now walk according to the Spirit! Vs 4

Romans 8:4 “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.”

Christ fulfilled the law by his righteous obedience thus freeing us to walk in the Spirit.

Walking in the spirit is NOT what has fulfilled the law, but it is what follows in those who trust that Christ has!

“Rather, Christian behavior is the necessary mark of those in whom this fulfillment takes place. God not only provides in Christ the full completion of the law’s demands for the believer, but he also sends the Spirit into the hearts of believers to empower a new obedience to his demands.” Doug Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*, p 485.

Sin is no longer your master, and death is no longer your penalty. Walk in the freedom you have. Rejoice in the Lord, grow in holiness, and reach the world with this gospel!

Your penalty was paid, sin’s power was broken, and your purpose has been restored. Rejoice in the Gospel!