

NO CONDEMNATION ~ Romans 8:1-4

→Scripture Reading Romans 1:1-4

INTRODUCTION

^{7:6} But NOW we have been released from the law, for we DIED TO IT and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can SERVE God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of LIVING IN the Spirit. (NLT)

^{7:24} What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God -THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

IN Christ Jesus? ~ Romans 8:1-2

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

^{6:23} For the wages of sin is death, but the FREE GIFT of God IS eternal life... **IN** Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)

God's provision of salvation came NOT through Christ's perfect teaching or through His perfect life but through His perfect SACRIFICE on the Cross. MacArthur

IMPLICATIONS

→Because we are IN Jesus - WE are NOT Condemned

¹...**NO condemnation** now exists **for those IN Christ** Jesus (HCS)

Eternal life is found **IN** a Person, and that Person is Christ Jesus our Lord. All who are **IN Christ HAVE eternal life**. It's as simple as that. MacDonald

→Because WE are NOT Condemned - WE are FREE

² For the law of the **Spirit of life** has set you **FREE IN** Christ Jesus... (ESV)

There is no reason for those who are IN Christ Jesus to go on acting as if they are in serving a Life sentence at hard labor as though they had never been pardoned, never been RELEASED from the prison of sin. Tyndale

Psalms 103:10-12 (NLT) He does NOT punish us for all our sins; He does NOT deal harshly with us, as we deserve. ¹¹ For His unfailing love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹² He has REMOVED our sins as far from us as the EAST is from the WEST.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains FELL OFF, my heart was FREE,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

The LAW is POWERLESS ~ Romans 8:3-2

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³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering.

John 1:14 (NIV) The Word became FLESH and made His dwelling among us...

³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. **And so He condemned sin in sinful man, ⁴ in order that** the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Sin IS Condemned so that Believers are NOT. DACarson

This righteous requirement is MET IN us not in the sense that we fulfilled its demands but rather that God MET it through the Sacrificial DEATH of His Son. NAC

There is Now NO Condemnation Because the...

- FATHER sent His Son as an OFFERING for sin
- SON went to the Cross WILLINGLY
- HOLY SPIRIT set us FREE

IMPLICATIONS

→What the LAW could NOT DO - God DID

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John 1:29 (NIV) ...John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, Look, the Lamb of God, who TAKES AWAY the sin of the world!

Mark 10:45 (NIV) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a RANSOM for many.

Hebrews 10:12-14 (NIV) ...when this priest had offered for ALL time ONE sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. ¹³ Since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool, ¹⁴ because by ONE sacrifice He has MADE perfect forever those who are being made holy.

TAKE AWAY ??

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Matthew 20:28 (NLT) ...the Son of Man came NOT to be served but TO SERVE others and to GIVE His life as a RANSOM for many.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT) ¹⁸ For you know that God paid a RANSOM to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the RANSOM he paid was NOT mere gold or silver. ¹⁹ It was the precious BLOOD of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!