



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
Ashley River Baptist Church

THANK GOD I'M FREE AT LAST ROM. 8:1-4

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. 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.

In the great eighth Chapter of Romans Paul speaks of the freedom all men have available through the victory of Christ. Because of His victory, we are promised a comprehensive Personal freedom in Jesus through the vehicle of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

I. IN CHRIST YOU EXPERIENCE NO CONDEMNATION

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus," (8:1)

THE FACT: The emphasis rests on the strong word "NO". In no way what ever will the believer ever face condemnation.

Jesus gives the assurance that whoever hears and believes Him, will not be condemned.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." John 5:24

THE FINALITY: *"There is NOW no condemnation..."* The word embraces all sin past, present, and future. The Christian may feel CONVICTION, but should refuse ever to feel condemnation.

II. IN CHRIST YOU EXPERIENCE PERSONAL FREEDOM

THE OLD PRINCIPLE: The believer is LIBERATED from an OLD PRINCIPLE - *"The law of sin and death". (8:2)* Like spiritual gravity, the law of sin and death pulls every human down.

THE NEW PRINCIPLE: Christ liberates us with a NEW PRINCIPLE. *"Through Jesus Christ, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death." (8:2)*

When the Holy Spirit enters life there is a new regulating, activating, energizing power that energizes the soul with a new life energy.

III. IN CHRIST YOU SEE GOD'S ULTIMATE INTENTION

THE INABILITY OF THE LAW: Recognize the INABILITY OF THE LAW. *"What the law was powerless to do..." (8:3)* The law defines sin, describes punishment, but cannot change behavior or save us.

THE ABILITY OF OUR LORD: Understand the "ABILITY OF OUR LORD". *"God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering..." (8:3)*. God sent His Son to assume our very liability - the human flesh - and to serve as the ultimate sacrifice by taking the punishment for our sins upon Himself.

Christ paid a ransom to liberate us. *"The Son of Man came to give His life as a ransom for many."* Mark 10:45 Jesus understood His own death as the payment of a ransom price.

As a result, 1 Cor 6:20 states, *"You are not your own; you are bought with a price."* Thus, we must never look back nor desire to return to bondage - **our sinful way of life outside of God.**

CHALLENGE:

- Recognize the dire circumstances of our brothers and sisters who are walking the streets daily in condemnation being held hostage and enslaved spiritually to sin with circumstances just as dark and deep as physical captivity.
- Give thanks for the liberation and freedom we know through His victory and share together in that liberating victory.
- You are free at last when you participate in this by are led daily by the Holy Spirit, *"who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. (V. 4)* Are you walking in the spirit and living in victorious freedom today? You can be! Be set free today in Christ Jesus for then there shall truly be no condemnation and you can Thank God you are Free at Last!