

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE *Romans*

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Romans 8:1-17

8:1 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.

5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

12 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Lesson 10: *Children of God*

Our condemnation has been canceled

▲ **Condemnation has been silenced**

▼ **We have a place in Christ**

Romans 8:1 those who are in Christ Jesus,

▼ **We have a pardon through Christ**

Romans 8:1 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.

▲ **because Christ has been sacrificed**

▼ **God sent his statutes, but sin was strong**

Romans 8:3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature,

▼ **God sent his Son, and the sacrifice was sufficient**

Romans 8:3 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 Christians have been supplied with the Spirit**

▼ **Sin has been condemned within us**

Romans 8:3 And so he condemned sin in sinful man,

▼ **The Spirit has become a conqueror within us**

Romans 8:4 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.

Our minds must be mastered

▲ **We must separate our minds from sinfulness**

▼ **The sinful mind leads to disobedience**

Romans 8:5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires;

▼ **The sinful mind leads to death**

Romans 8:6 The mind of sinful man is death,

▼ **The sinful mind leads to defiance**

Romans 8:7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

▲ **We must sync our minds with the Spirit**

▼ **The Spiritual mind leads to obedience**

Romans 8:5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

▼ **The Spiritual mind leads to overflow**

Romans 8:6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

▲ **We must surrender our motions and movements to the Spirit**

▼ **The Spirit will redirect the surrendered believer**

Romans 8:9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

▼ **The Spirit will resurrect and revive the surrendered believer's body**

Romans 8:10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Our spiritual sonship has been secured

▲ **Children of God are led by the Spirit**

▼ **As children of God, we are obligated to forsake sin**

Romans 8:12 Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die;

▼ **As children of God, we are obligated to follow the Spirit**

Romans 8:13 but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

▲ **Children of God are lifted by the Spirit**

▼ **The Holy Spirit accomplished our adoption as children**

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.

▼ **The Holy Spirit attests to our acceptance as children**

Romans 8:15 And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

- ▶ **What a beautiful confirmation from the Spirit!**
- ▶ **What a blessed confidence in our salvation!**

▼ **The Holy Spirit affirms our anticipation as children**

Romans 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.