

GOD FOR US: A Study in Romans 8

Set Free - Romans 8:1-4

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

I. LAW AND DEATH

- In Romans 7 Paul has just demonstrated how the law of God, which is good, is only capable of showing us our sinful nature, which in turn produces death in us (Rom. 7:7-12).
- For a true Christ-follower, sin is the result of “not the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing” (Rom. 7:18).
- We need a true picture of ourselves in order to find and rejoice in the transformation that the Spirit brings into our lives (Rom. 7:5, 8, 11, 14, 18, 23-24).

II. WHAT GOD DID

- Paul sums up Romans chapters 3-7 in one word in 8:1 - the word “therefore” (Rom. 3:21-27).
- There is now no condemnation for Christ-followers. It means that no condemnation exists, not that it has been temporarily set aside (Rom. 5:16, 18).
- Two laws are at work in Christ-followers’ lives - the “law of the Spirit of life” and the “law of sin and death” (vs. 2).
- In Christ, God has done for us what we could not do for ourselves, even with the assistance of the law (vss. 3-4; Rom. 5:19-21).

III. HOW GOD DID IT

1. He sent his own Son
 2. In our likeness (the Incarnation)
 3. He condemned sin in Christ
 4. He made us holy
- Jesus Christ was born, lived, and died to make us holy (vss. 4-5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 5:25-27; Col. 1:22).

KNOW: God has done for us in Christ what the law could never do for us. He has set us free from condemnation and fulfilled the law in us.

DO: Live no longer under condemnation.

Recommended Reading:

All of Grace, C.H. Spurgeon (LifePoint call #234 SPU)

**No Condemnation in Christ Jesus*, Octavius Winslow (LifePoint Library call #234 WIN)

**Indwelling Sin in Believers*, John Owen

**Christ, Our Righteousness: Paul's Theology of Justification*, Seifrid

*Advanced reading

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Romans 8:1-4

1. Why is what Paul has written in Romans 7 so important to what he says in Romans 8:1-4?
2. Have you ever considered why Jesus came? What was his overall purpose, do you think?
3. Do you ever feel under condemnation? What causes you to feel this way?
4. Are there steps you can take so that you will not feel “condemned” when you sin?
5. In what ways will knowing that Jesus’ ministry was in order to make you holy motivate you toward holiness?
6. What do you do with your own solitude?