

## “Grace & Peace to You”

# A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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## ROMANS LESSON 46 PART 1: “NO RESULTING CONDEMNATION”

**ROMANS 8:1-4** *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* <sup>2</sup> For the “**LAW of the Spirit**” of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the “**LAW of sin and death**”. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> 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.

We come now to “one” of the greatest **CHAPTERS** in the Bible. **ROMANS 8** is a true masterpiece of Truth, Revelation, Encouragement, and Promise. Someone has stated:

*“It **begins with NO CONDEMNATION**... **ends with NO SEPARATION**... and **in between, promises NO DEFEAT**.”*

That said, it is “deep” in meaning, filled with imagery and “word-play”, and containing some of the most profound of Paul’s teaching on the **DOCTRINE OF SALVATION**. Just reading it brings inspiration, but in doing so, it also draws-in the reader to a study of the truths contained in these words.

It is not a significant point, but consider:

*The **ESV of ROMANS 8 = 907 words**...*

*The **GREEK version is 654**... **It takes 253 more words** for us to understand, in **ENGLISH**, the principles Paul taught. **BTW: The WJEST Trans (expounding on Greek Words) = 1,149 words.***

I use this to simply shows the very complexity of Paul’s teaching as he presents the “**solution**” to the *Believer’s Struggle of Sanctification*.

### FREEDOM FROM THE CURSE OF CONDEMNATION

Finally, Paul reveals the “**solution**” to his demeaning struggle to live **BY THE LAW** He had found Justification **BY** faith in Jesus Christ, but he could NOT find peace in life. Using **THE LAW**, as he had been taught, he found no more freedom than he had before... *and with none of the “temporal satisfaction” that he had experienced when he could offer a **Sacrifice** and walk away “feeling justified” from his actions.*

Instead, for years (?) he tried this approach and lived in “**continual condemnation**”... resolved to the fact that the most he could do was to “**serve God**” **inwardly**, and “**serve sin**” **outwardly**.

BUT... somewhere in those years of struggle, the TRUTH was revealed to him... a “**solution**” that God had already provided, but he HAD NOT YET REALIZED.

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

**PERIOD. End of sentence. End of thought. END of struggle. NO CONDEMNATION!**

**\*\* INSERT “Snoopy’s Happy Dance.”**

This opening **VERSE** is a **Bold, Definite, Declaration** of current reality for the Believer in Jesus Christ.

Paul takes-on an almost **defiant tone**: *To his struggle in the flesh... to his sarcastic legalist opponents...*

The first 5-words set the tone for the next 4 verses...

**\*\* The 2<sup>nd</sup>-half of verse "1" is NOT originally included in Greek... (more on this later)**

The original language is "awkward" to our style of reading but reveals the force of Paul's words.

**GRK: ROM 8:1 "Not in any way [IS THERE], the result, any longer, of CONDEMNATION..."**

- **NOT... – Not at all... in no way...** This is an absolute forbiddance of the subject of the phrase: **"Condemnation"** – In context: **Something has changed, and it cannot be Refused OR Reversed...**
- **[Is..]** – An implied "Aorist" verb – a fact to be seen as completed... "Done"
- **Therefore...** – Inferring a resulting consequence... logical sequence from what was stated earlier...  
**ROM 3:21-22 / 5:1-2 / 6:14**
- **Now...** – Speaking not of time but of a different condition... **"Now that you are..."** as distinct from what you were...

## ROMANS LESSON 46 PART 2: "NO RESULTING CONDEMNATION"

- **Condemnation...** – NOT as in opposition to Justification...
  - If **"condemnation"** is seen as the condition which we had before **"justification"**, Paul would be saying that **"those who are in Christ Jesus are justified"** ... but that stage in the argument was presented in **ROM 3:21–4:25**.
  - The word **Katakrima** here means does not mean **"condemnation"** as we would normally think, but the **"mental anguish and torment that follows sentence of judgment"** ... as in a person **"being under condemnation"**
  - There is no reason for those who are **"in Christ Jesus"** to continue in anguish and torment for the "sin" of which they have been found guilty as though they had never been pardoned... never been released from the prison-house... **forever trying to "pay for our sin"**
- **Those who are IN Christ Jesus...** – **THIS is the reason... the reality** - THIS removes Believers from a place of **"condemnation under The Law"** to one of **"NO condemnation In Christ"**
  - The Believers state is NOT based upon **"actions"** which can be **"judged by THE LAW"**
  - The Believers state is one of "position" – They are IN Christ...
    - This is Not A Location / a Place – NOT Physical...
    - But: It IS **Identification** – ONE with Him... **IN Death... IN Burial... IN Resurrection!**
- **THAT is why the 2ND-HALF of Vs 1 cannot be accepted... HERE** (It DOES belong in Vs 4)  
**[...who walk not according to the flesh (but according to the Spirit) –**
  - These words return the subject to the **"Believer's Actions"** – WHICH Paul has just proved can ONLY result in **"condemnation BY THE LAW..."**
  - **The ONLY place where the Believer can be in a place of "NO Condemnation" is to be IN CHRIST!**
  - **Vss 3-4 will support and explain...**

## ABOLISHING THE LAW

EPH 2:14-16 For HE himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility<sup>15</sup> BY abolishing THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS expressed in ORDINANCES, that HE might create in himself one NEW MAN in place of the two... so making peace,<sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to GOD in One Body through the CROSS, thereby killing the hostility.

## FULLFILLING THE LAW

MATTHEW 5:17-18 “Do not think that I have come to abolish THE LAW or THE PROPHETS; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.<sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until HEAVEN and EARTH pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from THE LAW until all is accomplished.

ROM 3:21-22 But now the righteousness [that comes from] GOD has been manifested apart from THE LAW, although THE LAW and THE PROPHETS bear witness to it—<sup>22</sup> the righteousness of GOD through faith in JESUS CHRIST for all who believe.

## THE END OF THE LAW

ROMANS 10:4 For CHRIST is the end of THE LAW for “Righteousness” to everyone who believes.

Amplified Trans] For CHRIST is the end of THE LAW [the limit at which it ceases to be, for THE LAW leads up to Him Who is the fulfillment of its types, and in Him the purpose which it was designed to accomplish is fulfilled. That is, the purpose of THE LAW is fulfilled in Him] for (as the means of obtaining) righteousness (right relationship to God) to everyone who believes (trusts in and adheres to and relies on Him).

- The word “End – Telos” includes the idea of both “goal and termination”
  - The MOSAIC LAW had reached its goal in CHRIST (it looked forward to and anticipated him)...
  - THE LAW is no longer binding upon Christians (the OLD COVENANT has ended)...
  - Since CHRIST is the goal and end of THE LAW, Righteousness belongs to all who trust in CHRIST.