

Romans 8:1-8

1. "There is therefore **NO CONDEMNATION** to those who are **IN CHRIST JESUS**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

- **Romans 3:33-34** "Who shall bring a _____ against God's elect (chosen ones)? It is God who _____. Who is he who _____? It is Christ who _____, and furthermore is also _____, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes _____ for us."

Definition: "NO CONDEMNATION" - To CONDEMN means to pronounce GUILTY, TO PRONOUNCE SENTENCE and JUDGE against, to DAMN. The Law brings CONDEMNATION, because we FAIL to keep God's law. The PENALTY TO KEEP the law is DEATH, and the ULTIMATE penalty is ETERNAL DEATH in HELL. **Jesus PAID the penalty FOR US, so we are NOT CONDEMNED or DAMNED to hell.**

- **I John 3:19-21** "And by this we _____ that we are of the _____ and shall _____ our hearts before Him. For if our heart _____ us, God is _____ than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our _____ does not _____ us, we have _____ before God."

Definition: "If our HEART CONDEMNS US" - This word, "condemn," means "to find fault with," to blame. This is NOT talking about eternal condemnation, but about examining ourselves and CONFESSING OUR SINS to God. **See I John 1:9.** When we have confessed all of our sins to God, **we have CONFIDENCE** when we come before Him with our prayers.

- **Revelation 12:9:10** "So the great dragon was cast (thrown) out, that serpent of old, called the _____ and _____, who _____ the whole _____; he was cast to (thrown down to) the Earth, and his _____ were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying, 'Now _____, and strength, and the _____ of our God, and the _____ of His _____ have come, for the _____ of our brethren, who _____ them day and night, has been cast down.'"

Definition: "The ACCUSER of the Brethren" - This is another title for Satan, and "the Brethren" means "brothers," which is another name for Christians. Satan "ACCUSES us DAY and NIGHT," and this word, "accuse" means to "charge with some offense." IF YOU BELONG TO JESUS, and you feel you are under condemnation, Romans 8:1 says that the **condemnation is NOT coming from God.** The Holy Spirit brings CONVICTION of sin (He convinces us of the WRONG we are doing), but He does not CONDEMN us if we BELONG TO JESUS. If you have examined your own HEART, to see if there is any SIN YOU NEED TO CONFESS to the Lord, and you still feel condemnation even after confessing to God, the Satan is the source of that **condemnation or accusation.**

- **James 4:7** "Therefore _____ to God. _____ the _____, and he will flee (run away) from you." **RESIST Satan** by quoting scripture (God's word) OUT LOUD to him, especially Romans 8:1, and then BELIEVE GOD'S WORD, instead of Satan's accusations.

2. "For the law of the spirit of **LIFE in Christ Jesus** has **MADE ME FREE** from the law of sin and death.

- **I John 5:11-13** "And this is the testimony: that _____ has given us eternal _____, and this _____ is in His _____. He who has the _____ has _____; he who does not have the _____ of _____ does _____ have _____."
- **John 8:36** "Therefore if the _____ makes you _____, you shall be _____ indeed."

3. "For what the LAW COULD NOT DO, in that it was WEAK through the FLESH, GOD did by SENDING HIS OWN SON in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: condemned sin in the flesh."

- **Acts 13:39** "And by Him (Jesus) everyone who _____ is _____ from _____ things from which you could _____ be justified by the _____ of _____."
- **Matthew 26:41** "Watch and pray, lest you enter into _____. The spirit indeed is _____, but the _____ is _____."

Definition: "WEAK through the FLESH" - "Flesh" in this context means primarily our HUMAN WILL. Our HUMAN WILLPOWER is too WEAK to keep us from sinning or to give us the POWER to OBEY GOD at all times. **We cannot live the Christian life (and in the Old Testament they could NOT KEEP GOD'S LAWS) by GOOD INTENTIONS and human WILLPOWER.**

- **Read James 2:8-12** (Verse 10) "For whoever shall _____ the law, and yet stumble (FAIL to keep it) in _____ point, he is _____ of _____."
- **Read Hebrews 9:1-9** (Verse 9) "It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices (keeping the law) are off which _____ make him who _____ the service _____ in regard to the conscience."
- **Hebrews 10:1** "For the _____, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can _____ with these same _____, which they offer year by year, make those who approach _____."

Definition: "HIS OWN SON in the LIKENESS of sinful flesh" - Jesus was ALL GOD and ALL MAN, but He was COMPLETELY WITHOUT SIN in His humanity. If Jesus had NOT been completely SINLESS Himself, He could NOT have PAID for OUR SINS.

- **I Peter 2:24** "Who Himself bore our _____ in His own _____ on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might _____ for _____ by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed."
- **Read Hebrews 9:24-28** (Verses 25-26) "Not that He (Jesus) should _____ Himself _____, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year (on the Day of Atonement) with blood of another (animal sacrifices) - He then would have had to _____ often since the foundation of the _____; but now, _____ at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away _____ by the _____ of _____." (Verse 28) "So Christ was _____ once to _____ the _____ of _____. To those who eagerly wait for Him (the return of Christ) He will appear a _____ time, apart from sin (Not for ANOTHER sacrifice for sin) [*but*] for salvation (our final deliverance)."

4. "That the righteous REQUIREMENT of the LAW might be FULFILLED in us who do not walk according to the flesh but [*WALK*] according to the Spirit."

- **Galatians 5:16-17** "I say then: 'Walk in the _____, and you shall NOT _____ the lust (desires) of the _____. For the flesh _____ against the _____, and the Spirit _____ the flesh; and these are contrary (OPPOSITE) to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.'"

Definition: "the righteous REQUIREMENT of the LAW" - The law can't make a person holy, it can only DEMAND that we BE HOLY. Since our flesh (human nature) is so weak, and we cannot do the good we would like to do, we could never keep God's laws ourselves. However, God **IMPUTES to us** (applies to our account) the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and since He kept the law perfectly, the REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN FULFILLED through Jesus.

- **Romans 3:21-23** "But now the _____ of God apart from the _____ is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the _____ of God which is through _____ in _____ to all and on all who _____. For there is no difference: for _____ have _____ and fall _____ of the glory of God (fall short of the requirement of His law)."
- **Colossians 2:13-14** "And you, being dead in your _____ and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made _____ together with Him (Jesus), having _____ you all trespasses (sins); having _____ out the handwriting of _____ which was contrary to (against) us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the _____."
- **Romans 4:5-8** "But to him who does not WORK (doing good deeds in order to try to earn salvation) but _____ on Him who _____ the ungodly, his _____ is _____ for _____. Just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God _____ righteousness apart from _____: 'Blessed are those whose lawless _____ are _____, and whose _____ are covered; blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall NOT _____ sin.'"

5. "For those who **live according to the flesh** set their minds on the **things of the flesh**, but those who live according to the Spirit, the **things of the Spirit**."

- **Galatians 5:19-21** "Now the _____ of the _____ are evident, which are: _____, _____, _____, licentiousness, idolatry, _____, _____, contentions, _____, outbursts of wrath, _____, _____, _____, envy _____, _____, _____, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who _____ such things will _____ inherit the _____ of God."
- **Matthew 15:18-19** "But those things which _____ out of the _____ come from the _____, and they defile a man. For out of the _____ proceed _____ thoughts, _____, adulteries, _____, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."

6-7. "For to be **carnally MINDED** is death, but to be **spiritually MINDED** is life and **PEACE**. Because the **CARNAL Mind** is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."

- **Read Corinthians 2:14-16, 3:1-3** "But the natural (unsaved) man does not receive (understand) the things of the _____ of God, for they are foolishness to him; not can he _____ them, because they are _____ discerned. But he who is _____ judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For 'Who has known the _____ of the Lord that he may instruct Him?' But we have the _____ of Christ. And I, brethren, could _____ speak to you as _____ people but as to _____, as to babes in Christ."
- **Colossians 3:1-2** "If then you were _____ with Christ, seek those _____ which are _____, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your _____ on things _____, and not on things on the _____."
- **Isaiah 26:3** "You will keep him in perfect _____, whose _____ is stayed (focused) on _____, because he _____ in You."
- **Galatians 5:22-23** "But the fruit of the _____ is _____, joy, _____, _____, _____, goodness, faithfulness, _____, self-control. Against such there is no law."

Definition: "CARNALLY MINDED" - to **THINK** like the **UNSAVED** people **think**, thinking only of material, fleshly things. The **OPPOSITE** of a person who is **CONTROLLED** by or " **FILLED WITH** " the Holy Spirit (spiritually minded).

Definition: "ENMITY" - Hostility, being an **enemy**. We are enemies of God because we constantly fail to keep His **laws** and **commandments**.

8. "So then, those who are in the flesh **CANNOT please God."**

- **Hebrews 11:6** "But without _____ it is _____ to _____ Him (God), for he who comes to God must _____ that He is, and that He is a _____ of those who diligently _____ Him."
- **I John 3:22** "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we _____ His _____ and do those things that are _____ in His sight."
- **Hebrews 9:14** "How much more shall the _____ of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your conscience from _____ works to _____ the living God?"

Definition: "CANNOT PLEASE GOD" and "DEAD WORKS" - These two are basically the same: **DEAD WORKS** are **religious works** or **good deeds** done in the **power of the flesh**, and a person who is **operating in their FLESH**, and not in **FAITH** and the **POWER** of the **HOLY SPIRIT**, **CANNOT DO ANYTHING** that will be **pleasing to God**.

- **John 15:5** "I am the Vine, you are the _____. He who abides in (stays close to) Me, and I in him, bears much _____ ; for without Me you can do _____ ."
- **John 15:8** "By this is My _____ glorified (it's PLEASING to Him), that you bear much _____ ; so you will [*prove to be*] My _____ ."