

# Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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## "Freedom in the Spirit" Romans 8:1-17



### Introduction:

#### I. FREE FROM CONDEMNATION (vs. 1-8)

##### A. The Believer's New Law (vs. 1-4)

"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death."

"For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did..."

"...sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh"

"<sup>4</sup>so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit"

##### B. The Believer's New Lord (vs. 5)

"for those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh"

"but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit"

##### C. The Believer's New Life (vs. 6-8)

"for the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace"

"because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so"

"and those who are in the flesh cannot please God"

## II. FREE FROM THE CONTROL OF SIN (vs. 9-11)

### A. The Believer's Position (vs. 9-10)

<sup>9</sup>“However you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.”

“But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”

The Indwelling Tri-unity:

- > Why is this so important? (I Corinthians 2:14;15:50)
- > What if I don't always feel like it? (II Corinthians 4:16)
- > How can I be sure? (John 3:6)

“If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.”

### B. The Believer's Prospect (vs. 11)

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you...”

“...He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

## III. FREE FROM CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE (vs. 12-17)

### A. The Believer's Obligation (vs. 12-13)

“so then, brethren, we are under obligation”

“Here is a terrible warning: It is one of the great red lights by which God keeps His elect out of fatal paths.... For we must note most carefully that a holy life is to be lived *by us*. It is not that we have any power - we have none. But God's Spirit dwells in us for the express object of being called 'upon by us to put to death the doings of the body'. Self-control is one of that sweet cluster called 'the fruit of the Spirit' in Galatians 5:22.” – William Newell

### B. The Believer's Opportunity (vs. 14-15)

“for all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God”

“for you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again”

### C. The Believer's Outlook (vs. 16-17)

“the Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God”

“and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ” (I Peter 1:3-4)

“if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him”

**Conclusion:**