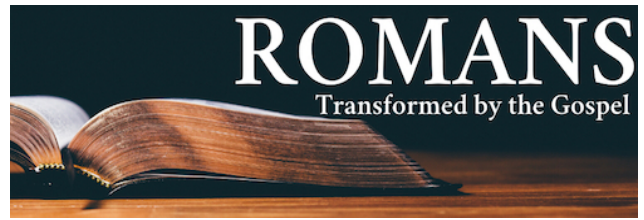


Now No Condemnation!

July 26th, 2020 – Romans 8:1-4
Pastor Jon Pickens



Romans 8:1-4

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 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, 4 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.

1. Where does this passage fit in Paul's argument?
 - a. Paul is bringing his argument from Romans 1:18-7:25 to a climatic **conclusion**.

2. What is Paul's conclusion?
 - a. Paul concludes that only **God** can deliver us from sin and death through Jesus Christ.

3. How does God deliver us from sin and death?
 - a. Through the New Covenant marked by the indwelling **Spirit**.

 - b. Through the atoning death of the incarnated **Son**.

 - c. Through the justifying work of **God** for those who are in Christ.

4. Who is "in Christ"?
 - a. Those who are **possessed** by the Spirit of God.

Discussions Questions

1. When Paul states that there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, how does that sit with your spirit? Do find it life giving? Why or why not?
2. We often talk about the work of Jesus in securing our salvation through His death on the cross, but rarely do we talk about the Holy Spirit's work in sanctifying us as believers. Why do you think that is the case?
3. Pastor Jon laid out a few examples of those who may claim faith in Christ but may not truly belong to Him. He mentioned the absence of any fruit of the Spirit, a lack of conviction or brokenness over your own sin, and a lack of desire for the things of the Lord. Can you think of other examples of that would indicate that a person who claims Christ might not truly belong to Christ?
4. What is a meaningful take-a-way from today's message?

Next Steps: July Reading Plan (Week 4)

Day One: 1 Peter 3
Day Two: 1 Peter 4
Day Three: 1 Peter 5
Day Four: 2 Peter 1
Day Five: 2 Peter 2

Journaling Tip:

Sometimes I find it helpful to think about what I read all day and journal a thought about the reading at the end of the day that seemed to come up in my mind several times.

Next Week's Sermon: Romans 8:5-11

July Scripture Memory:

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

Luke 6:46-49 (ESV)