The Man in Christ Jesus Is Freed from Condemnation: The Power of the Spirit

Romans 08:01–17

1. "Now," since Christ has come

- a. A believer is not condemned
- b. Why: He is "in" Christ

2. The Spirit gives life

- a. By freeing the believer from sin and death
- b. By doing what the law was powerless to do
- c. By Christ's condemning sin in sinful man
- d. By Christ's providing righteousness:For all who do not follow the sinful nature but the Spirit

3. The Spirit pulls the mind to spiritual things

- a. The sinful, carnal mind:Is set on fleshly desires
- b. The spiritual mind:Is set on spiritual desires,things that please the Spirit
- c. The fate of carnality:

 Death
- d. The fate of spirituality: Life and peace
- e. The reason the carnal mind dwells in death
 - 1) It is bitterly set against God

- Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
- 2 Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering.

 And so he condemned sin in sinful man,
- 4 In order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.
- 5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
- 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;
- 7 The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

2) It cannot please God

4. The Spirit dwells within the believer

- a. He removes him from being controlled by the flesh, by the sinful nature
- b. He identifies him as being "in," belonging to Christ

5. The Spirit gives life to the believer

- a. He gives life now
- b. He quickens, gives life to the mortal body

6. The Spirit gives the power to put evil deeds to death

- a. Believers are obligated to the Spirit, not to the flesh
- b. Believers determine their own fate:Death or life
- 7. The Spirit leads the believer, identifying him as a son of God
- 8. The Spirit adopts the believer
 - a. He delivers from the slavery of fear
 - b. He gives access to God

- 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.
- 9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.
- 10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.
- 11 And if the Spirit of him
 who raised Jesus from the dead
 is living in you,
 he who raised Christ from the dead
 will also give life to your mortal bodies
 through his Spirit,
 who lives in you.
- 12 Therefore, brothers,
 we have an obligation —
 but it is not to the sinful nature,
 to live according to it.
- 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,
- 14 Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

- 9. The Spirit testifies, bears witness with the believer's spirit
 - a. Believers are God's children
 - b. Believers are heirs of God
 - c. Believers are equal heirs with Christ
 - d. Believers are conquerors over suffering

- 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
- 17 Now if we are children,
 then we are heirs
 heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ,
 if indeed we share in his sufferings
 in order that we may also share in his glory.