

Romans 8:1-15 – ¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ 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, ⁴ 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. ⁵ For those who are in accord with the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are in accord with the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷ 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, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 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.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – ¹³ for if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God. ¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

Outline of Romans

- Paul's **Purpose**

Romans 1:16 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

The gospel is **good news**.

- I. Ch. 1 – 3: The Definition, Presence, and Penalty for **Sin**

Romans 1:18 – For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

Without Jesus Christ, there is no **good news**.

- II. Ch. 3 – 5: God Provides the Means of **Salvation** through His **Son**

Romans 5:8-9 – But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

“The glory of the gospel is this: the one from whom we need to be saved is the one who has saved us.” – RC Sproul

- III. Ch. 6 – 8: Dead to **Sin**; Alive in **Christ**

Romans 6:8,11 – Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him... So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The good news is **life**, both **now** and **eternally**.

- IV. Ch. 9 – 11: God's Plan for the Salvation of **Gentiles** and Eventual Salvation of **Israel**

Romans 11:12,15 – Now if their [Israel's] wrongdoing proves to be riches for the world, and their failure, riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be! For if their rejection proves to be the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

The good news is for **everyone**.

V. Ch. 12 – 15: Living in Unity, Patience, and Love

Romans 12:1-2 – Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

The good news changes our **thoughts** and **actions**

VI. Ch. 16: Personal **Greetings** and Final **Benediction**

Romans 16:25-27 – Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now has been disclosed, and through the Scriptures of the prophets, in accordance with the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

This includes some good news and some **goodbyes**.

The Path to Adoption – Romans 8

1. No **condemnation**

Romans 8:1 – Therefore, there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2. Set **free** from the law of **sin** and **death**

Romans 8:2 – For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

3. Spirit of God **dwells in us**

Romans 8:9a – However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

4. Our spirit is **alive**

Romans 8:10 – If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

5. We are **children** of God

Romans 8:14 – For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God.

Evidence of our Adoption

- Being **led**

Romans 8:14 – For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God.

- An absence of slavery to **sin** and **fear**

Romans 8:15 – For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

- The **Holy Spirit**

Romans 8:16 – The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

1 John 3:20 – That if our heart condemns us, that God is greater than our heart, and He knows all things.

Applications

You are a child of God. **Know** who you are.

You are a child of God. **Live out** who you are.