

Holy Spirit **LIFE**

Sermon Series - Romans 8

A LIFE OF FREEDOM (Romans 8:1-4)

I. Listen to God's _____.

“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.” Romans 3:20 (NIV)

*“There is, **therefore** now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”* Romans 8:1 (NAS)

- **Ouketi** (Greek for NO) is an emphatic negative adverb of time and carries the idea of complete cessation.

What is “no condemnation?”

A. God is not _____ with us.

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.” Psalm 103:13-14 (NIV)

B. God does not _____ us.

“He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him, is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.” Psalm 103:10-12 (NLT)

C. God does not _____ us.

“For the LORD will not reject His people; He will never forsake His inheritance.” Psalm 94:14 (NIV)

D. God does not _____ from us.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ, God has given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.” Ephesians 1:3 (NCV)

II. Observe God's _____.

- The law of the _____ sets me free from the law of _____. (Romans 8:2)

“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.” (Romans 8:3 NIV)

- How did God replace one law with the other? (Romans 8:3b-4)

1. God sent Jesus: *sending His own Son*

2. Jesus came as a man: *in the likeness of sinful man*

“but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:7-8).

3. He became a sin offering: *and as an offering for sin*

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

4. He condemned sin: *He condemned sin in the flesh*

5. He fulfilled righteous law: *in order that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled*

The implication: *“...who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”* (v.4)

- Since every true believer is _____ by the Spirit, every true believer will _____ the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)