

Now No Condemnation

Romans 8:1-11

*"The eighth of Romans has become peculiarly precious to me, beginning with "no condemnation," ending with "no separation," and in between, "no defeat." This wondrous chapter sets forth the gospel and plan of salvation; the life of freedom and victory; the hopelessness of the natural man and the righteousness of the born again; the indwelling of Christ and the Holy Spirit; the resurrection of the body and blessed hope of Christ's return; the working together of all things for our good; every tense of the Christian life, past, present and future; and the glorious, climactic song of triumph, no separation in time or eternity "from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ our Lord."
Charles G. Trumbull*

- I. Romans 8:1 is the theme of the entire Word of God, it is the gospel. From the inception of sin in Genesis 3 to the crucifixion of Christ on the cross, God had been working to bring about a rescue for mankind from the condemnation of his sin. He has been saving souls ever since.

Rom. 8:1

"Now" is a time word that indicates a shift or change that takes place immediately upon salvation. Before there was condemnation, but **now** there isn't!

"No" (oude) is the strongest negative that can be used to indicate the impossibility of condemnation upon salvation.

- II. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit worked to secure our salvation. They worked to save us from sin's penalty so that we could be declared righteous before them (**justification**), and they worked to save us from sin's power (**sanctification**).

Rom. 8:1-4

Eph. 2:10

- III. There is a stark perceivable contrast between how an unbeliever and believer think. Therefore, it is impossible for an unbeliever to think like Christ, and for a believer to think like they did before they were saved. A believer's thinking has been forever transformed toward righteousness because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 5:5-8

1 Cor. 2:14

2 Tim. 5:1-5

Gal. 5:24-25

Gal. 5:16

1 Cor. 2:10b-13 *The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.*

- IV. If we are truly saved, there will be a stark perceivable difference between what we once were and what we are now. In the past we were controlled by the flesh (the sinful nature), now we are controlled by the Spirit. In the past we couldn't have cared less about living a life pleasing to God, in the present our hearts have been made alive toward living in ways that please him. In the past we had no future hope other than what we made up in our futile thinking, now we look forward to our resurrection by the power of the Spirit.

Rom. 8:9-11

2 Cor. 4:16-18 *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*