

Romans 8:1-11, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - No Condemnation in Christ!

Romans 8:1

Earlier in Romans, the apostle brought us before the Supreme Court of Heaven, and the Chief Justice announced His verdict: “All have sinned” (Rom. 3:23) and “the wages of sin is death!” (Rom. 6:23). Tried, convicted, and condemned to die, we sat as those on death row awaiting execution. The prosecution’s case was airtight. There would be no appeals, no retrial, and no stay of execution, only the “terrifying expectation of judgment” (Heb. 10:27). But as Paul has so expertly laid down the plan of salvation in the Book of Romans, we learned that Christ was condemned and executed in our place (Rom. 3:23-25) with this astonishing result: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 8:1). This truly is why the Gospel is called “good news”!

Read Psalm 102:18-20

☐ Tuesday - Set Free to Glorify God.

Romans 8:2

The apostle declares, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death” (Rom. 8:2). The “law” (i.e. principle or operation) of the Spirit has set the Christian free from slavery to sin. Does this mean that the Christian never sins? No! (Rom. 7:14-24; 1 John 1:8-9). But it does mean that now, Christian, you are free not to sin, and you are free to glorify God. These things you could never do before you were born-again (Rom. 8:7-8). Now therefore, “whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31). Read John 8:32, 36; 1 Peter 2:16; Galatians 5:1, 13

☐ Wednesday - The Law is Fulfilled in Us.

Romans 8:3-4

Romans 8:3-4 states, “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, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us...”. Did you get that last part? In Christ the requirement of the Law is “fulfilled in us” who believe! But the Christian might think to himself, “I have not fulfilled the Law of God, for my practice is still far from perfect.” True enough (Rom. 7:14-24). But even though your practice has not risen to the level of your position, nevertheless, Christ’s righteousness has been imputed to your account on the basis of faith in Him (Rom. 4:5). As a result, you stand fully justified, and in this way the Law of God is fulfilled in us in Christ. So then, Christian, now that your *position* before God has been established, let’s get to work on your *practice*.

Read Ephesians 4:1

☐ Thursday - We Walk According to the Spirit.

Romans 8:4

According to Romans 8, a true Christian is one who is “in the Spirit” (v. 9), who is indwelt by the Spirit (v. 11; cf. 1 Cor. 3:16), and who “walks according to the Spirit” (v. 4). Furthermore, all Christians are baptized in the Spirit at conversion (John 7:38-39; 1 Cor. 12:13), as God’s permanent seal of ownership upon the believer’s life (Eph. 1:13), and the mark of His adoption, “For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” (Rom. 8:14).

Read Galatians 5:16, 25; Ephesians 4:30

☐ Friday - Two Mind-Sets.

Romans 8:5-7

Here the apostle identifies two mind-sets, two lifestyles, two world views: “For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 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, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God” (Rom. 8:5-7). The application is this: “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth” (Col. 3:1-2).

Read Galatians 6:8