

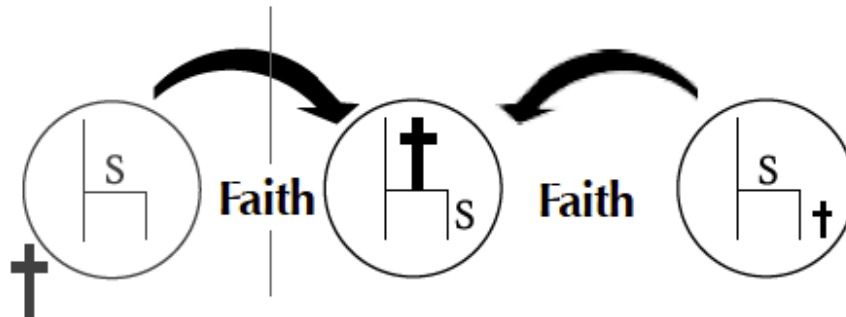
Romans 8:1-11 NASB2020

'The Normal Christian Life'

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The Christ-centered Life



Learning objectives

- Analyze: Romans 8:1-11.
- Interpret it: What does this mean?
- Apply it: What shall we do about this?

The Epistle to the Romans

Chapters

1 The power of God.

1-3 Disbelief and its consequences.

4 Abraham's example.

5 Peace with God.

6-8 Victory over sin.

9-11 Salvation for Israel.

12-14 Leading a new life.

15-16 Mission to the Gentiles.

Five views on Romans 8:1-11

- Contrast the saved with the lost.
- Contrast spiritual & carnal Christians.
- Contrast before & after 2nd blessing.
- Contrast the mature and immature.
- Explain how to live victorious over indwelling sin.

Major truths of 8:1-11

- No condemnation in Christ!
- The indwelling Spirit of Christ.
- Victory over indwelling

Romans 5:18 Conclusion

18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

Romans 8:1. Declaration

1 Therefore there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Logic: 'therefore'; Time: 'now'

Thesis (negative): No condemnation!

Persons: Those united with Christ.

"Justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus" 3:24

"Justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" 5:1

"Justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 5:8

Romans 8:2. Explanation

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you [~me] free from the law of sin and of death.

Inference: 'for'

Thesis (positive): The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free.

Person: You (singular: 'thee')

Reference: the law of sin and death =

'the law of sin ... in my body's parts ... the body of this death? 7:23-24

Romans 8:3. Amplification 1a

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

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Generic: God did

Specific: condemned sin in the flesh

Means: sending his own son

Manner: as an offering for sin

Result: he condemned sin in the flesh

Romans 8:4. Amplification 1b

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.

Purpose: so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us

Persons (negative): who do not walk according to the flesh

Persons (positive): [who walk] according to the Spirit

The requirement of the Law

Grammar: singular ≠ laws, rules.

Possibly:

- That the guilty be condemned.
- That we love God and neighbour.
- That we be holy (faithful) as He is holy (entirely other than the gods).
- That we be justified by faith (as Abraham was).

Walk according to ...

The flesh:

- Serving bodily needs and impulses.
- Conforming to social norms.
- Idolatry, disbelief, and self-deceit.

The Spirit:

- Self-control by the Spirit's power.
- Obeying Jesus' commandments.
- Growing in faith, hope and love.

Romans 8:5. Amplification 2

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.

Inference 1: 'For'

Reference: 'in accord with' = verse 4.

Thesis: 'set their mind on', form opinions, make judgements, be intent on (BDAG).

Romans 8:6

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ...

Inference 2: 'For'

Contrast: 'the mind set on'

Flesh = (leads to) death

Spirit = (leads to) life and peace

Romans 8:7-8

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.

Cause 1: 'because'

- Hostile towards God.
- Not subject to the law of God.
- Not able to do so.
- Cannot please God.

Romans 8:9a

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Cause 2: 'however' [lit., 'and']

Thesis: 'you are in the Spirit'

Ground: 'if indeed [Lit., since] the Spirit of God dwells in you'.

Contrast: 'sin that dwells in me' 7:17

Romans 8:9b-10. Amplification 3

But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, [then] he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, [then] the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Parallel: 'But'

Thesis: (ground) 'if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ'

(negative) 'he does not belong to Him'

(positive) 'the spirit is alive because of [Christ's imputed] righteousness'

(ground) 'if Christ is in you'

Romans 8:11. Conclusion

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Restatement: 'but' [lit., 'and'].

Ground: 'the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you'.

Thesis: 'He who raised Christ ... will also give life to your mortal bodies'.

Means: 'through His Spirit who dwells in you'.

Summary

- God solved our moral dilemma by condemning Jesus in our stead.
- God has sent his Spirit to dwell in us who belong to Jesus.
- We have two indwelling realities, sin and the Spirit.
- We gain victory over indwelling sin by thinking about 'the things of the Spirit'.

Common sins of Christian men

- Viewing morally-filthy images.
- Spending excessive time and money on hobbies or entertainment.
- Consuming tasty foods that cause health problems and early death.
- Hating political fools, globalist billionaires, and moral perverts.
- Substituting theology for Bible study and obeying Jesus' commandments.

How I conquer deadly sins

- I confess that I have a moral problem that is stronger than I.
- I beg God to deliver me from practicing a specific, recurring sin.
- I call out to him whenever tempted or preoccupied by that sin.
- I think about better ways to fulfil my real needs.

8 Ways to get more of the Holy Spirit

1. Repent and be baptized, Acts 2:38
2. Obey God, Acts 5:29-32
3. Believe his promises, Rom 15:13-16
4. Ask the Father, Luke 11:10-13
5. Endure suffering, Mark 13:10-11
6. Resist temptation, Eph 5:18-19
7. Worship together, Acts 4:31
8. Serve one another, 1 Cor 12:7-13