

# ROMANS 28 – 8:1-8

## *Now No Condemnation*

### 1. Introduction

- a. Ch. 8 is popular/controversial for the doctrines of the Spirit and a secure position
- b. Rom 8:1-4 summarizes the teaching of our position in Christ in ch. 5, 6, 7
- c. We know now the difference between position (standing) and condition (state)
- d. Our walk after the Spirit starts with doctrine: Col 1:9, 2:6, Eph 1:13, 3:16, 5:17-18

### 2. 8:1

- a. *"therefore now"* – having learnt about our deliverance in Rom 7
- b. *"no condemnation"* – b/c you are in Christ and the Spirit leads you – Rom 5:5, 18
  - i. There is condemnation under the law – Jam 3:1, 5:9, Mat 12:36-37, Mat 23
  - ii. The law is called the ministration of condemnation – 2 Cor 3:9
- c. *"who walk..."* – Which is said to be a gloss *only* because they can't explain it
- d. *"walk not after the flesh"* – this has been about service not salvation since Rom 5
- e. *"after the Spirit"* – who we are in Christ, not under the law - 1 Cor 3:16, Gal 5:17
- f. It is the Spirit that changes our mind, which changes our direction.

### 3. 8:2-3

- a. *"law of the Spirit..."* – Which is that we have life by being in Christ Rom 6:8
- b. *"hath made me free"* – we are not under the law – Rom 6:9, 14, and also Rom 7:1
- c. *"law of sin and death"* – the law that operates upon our sinful selves - Rom 7:23
- d. *"weak through the flesh"* – Romans 7:13-18; it profits nothing John 6:63
- e. *"in likeness of sinful flesh"* – not the same, or emptied, but man-Phil 2:7-9, Heb 4:15
- f. *"condemned sin in the flesh"* – destroyed its power ... by dying to it – Rom 6:6

### 4. 8:4-6

- a. This is not our righteousness, which is in our flesh – Deu 6:25, Rom 10:3-4, 7:18
- b. The fleshly mind is oriented towards sin and selfish religion – Col 2:18
- c. Righteousness is imputed to us by faith – Rom 3:28 and 4:5, 2 Cor 5:21
- d. This not a condition, but a statement of fact: we walk after the Spirit.
- e. The carnal (flesh) mind is identified by the spiritual laws - Rom 7:14, 1 Cor 3:1-3
- f. *"things of the Spirit"* – we know spiritual things - 1 Cor 2:13-16, Rom 1:11
- g. The orientation of the spiritual mind gives life and peace – Phil 2:5, 3:15

### 5. 8:7-8

- a. *"enmity against God"* – which was sin in our flesh - Rom 7:18, Eph 2:15-16
- b. *"not subject...neither indeed can be"* God has not saved our flesh – 1 Cor 2:14
- c. *"they... in the flesh"* – which is not you if you are in Christ – Rom 5:18-19
- d. Pleasing God is only done in Christ, we are in Christ by the Spirit – Eph 1:6, 1:13