

The Book of Romans

“A RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD!”

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TEXT:

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in **Christ Jesus**. **2** For the law of the **Spirit of life** has set you free in **Christ Jesus** from the law of sin and death. **3** For **God** has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending **his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to **the Spirit**. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to **the Spirit** set their minds on the things of **the Spirit**. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on **the Spirit** is life and peace. **7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to **God**, for it does not submit to **God's** law; indeed, it cannot. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please **God**.

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in **the Spirit**, if in fact **the Spirit of God** dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the **Spirit of Christ** does not belong to him. **10** But if **Christ** is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness. **11** If **the Spirit of him** who raised **Jesus** from the dead dwells in you, he who raised **Christ Jesus** from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **his Spirit** who dwells in you.

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by **the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by **the Spirit of God** are sons of **God**. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption** as sons, by whom we cry, “**Abba! Father!**” **16** The **Spirit himself** bears witness with our spirit that we are children of **God**, **17** and if children, then heirs— heirs of **God** and fellow heirs with **Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of **God**. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of **God**. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of **the Spirit**, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

STUDY NOTES:

A. THE WORK OF THE TRINITY (vv. 1-17)

1. THE SON 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in **Christ Jesus**. By sending **his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, has set you free in **Christ Jesus** from the law of sin and death. Anyone who does not have the **Spirit of Christ** does not belong to him 10 But if **Christ** is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, who raised **Jesus** from the dead dwells in you, he who raised **Christ Jesus** from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies (Php 2:7; Gal 5:24; Heb 2:14-17; 1 Th 4:14; 2 Cor 4:14)

2. THE SPIRIT 2 For the law of the **Spirit of life**. 3 . 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to **the Spirit**. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to **the Spirit** set their minds on the things of **the Spirit**. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on **the Spirit** is life and peace. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in **the Spirit**, if in fact **the Spirit of God** dwells in you. **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness. 11 If **the Spirit of him** through **his Spirit** who dwells in you. 12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by **the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by **the Spirit of God** are sons of **God**. 16 **The Spirit himself** bears witness with our spirit that we are children of **God** (1 Cor 6:19; 2 Tim 1:14; Jn 14:17; Gal 2:20)

3. THE FATHER 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to **God**, for it does not submit to **God's** law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please **God**. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption** as sons, by whom we cry, “**Abba! Father!**” For **God** has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of **God** and fellow heirs with **Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (Mt 5:45; Jn 1:12,13; Gal 4:5; Eph 1:5,13)

B. SUFFERINGS IN CREATION AND IN OUR LIVES (vv. 18-25)

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2. IN OUR LIVES 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us...but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of **the Spirit**, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Ps 37:7; 1 Jn 3:1,21; 2 Cor 1:22; 5:2-5; Gal 5:5; Eph 1:14)

LIFE APPLICATION:

1. How is the doctrine of justification by grace summarized by the phrase, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in **Christ Jesus**?”
2. Why is the Holy Spirit the primary agent in the daily battle of the old adam vs. the new man in our lives?
3. What does it mean to you that you are an adopted son of God the Father?
4. Where do we see the groaning of all creation around us?
5. What does the hope we have of our bodily redemption in the future instill in us so that we can handle the sufferings of the present time?





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