

No Condemnation Notes

Romans 8:1

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Main Point: If you are in Christ, you are commended, and will never be condemned.

Romans 8

- _____ is emphasized.
 - The believer's standing is safe, secure, and _____.
- The Holy _____ is prominent.
 - He is mention 19 times in this chapter, almost once every two verses.
 - This chapter is not so much about the Holy Spirit, as it is on what the Spirit _____ on behalf of the believer.
 - He gives life and peace, guides us, empowers us, helps us, prays for us and assures us of our _____ into God's family.
 - God never intended for us to live the Christian life on our own, but through the _____ of the Spirit.
- This chapter contains the _____ of Christianity.
 - Because of what Christ did on the cross, taking the condemnation that is rightfully ours, those who have put their faith in Him will _____ be condemned.
 - Jesus completely and _____ paid the debt of sin and the penalty of the law (John 3:17-18).
- There are no _____ in this chapter.
 - The focus is not on what we need to do, but on what has _____ been done for us.
- This chapter is astounding and unbelievable.
 - The truths here are both attractive and yet elusive for many of us.
 - We want this to be true, and yet for many of us we don't really believe it because we know how _____ we are.

Breaking it Down

- Why: "There is therefore..."
 - "Therefore" serves to _____ the proceeding seven chapters with chapter 8 by serving as a link to everything Paul has established.
 - Scripture: Romans 1:18, 2:5, 3:12, 4:13, 5:18, 6:11, 7:24
- When: "Now..."

- For the born again believer, there is assurance there will be no _____ to come in the future.
 - Notice we can and should experience this assurance right _____ in the present (1 John 3:2).
3. What: “No condemnation...”
- In the original word construction in Greek, the first word is an emphatic “_____.”
 - Paul chose a strong negation to make the point there is absolutely nothing by way of condemnation for the _____.
 - The word “condemn” comes from two Greek words: one which means “down” and the other which means “to judge.” It literally means to “judge _____.”
 - If you have put your faith and trust in Jesus as your sacrificial substitute, the Almighty Judge give you a “thumbs _____.”
 - The judgment we deserved settled on the _____ and now God’s blessings “rain down” on us.
 - God has a gavel of _____ for the believer as He pronounces this verdict: “No condemnation.” (Romans 5:1, John 5:24)
 - Those in Christ will not be condemned because _____ was condemned in their stead; there is no punishment because Christ bore the punishment.
 - When God says “no condemnation” it’s not based upon our performance but on our _____.
 - He doesn’t _____ it when we rebel, nor does He suddenly seethe with anger towards us when we sin.
 - Paul is not saying there’s no cause for our condemnation. There are plenty of reasons for us to be condemned.
 - He’s not saying the follower of Christ has not failed, because we all fail.
 - He’s not saying that saints don’t struggle or stumble, because we do.
4. Who: “For those who are in Christ Jesus.”
- This promise of no condemnation is available for all but _____ only to those who are in Christ Jesus.
 - It is not _____.
 - The only way you can be declared righteous and to have your sins forgiven is to be _____ Christ (Philippians 3:9).
 - Because we are “in Christ,” His righteousness is _____ to us.
 - You are either in Christ or you are not (1 Corinthians 15:22).

Personalizing the Promise

1. If you have accepted Christ, God is not _____ with you, regardless of what you have done.
2. He loves you and _____ you.
3. He is giving you a thumbs-up because you _____ to Him.