

What We Believe

ROMANS

No Condemnation Romans 8:1-8

'His letters contain some things that are hard to understand.' (2 Pet. 3:15)

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.” (Rom.1:16)

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'There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless.' (Rom.3:11,12)

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'This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.' (Rom.3:22)

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'We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?.. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body.' (Rom.6:2, 12)

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“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Rom.8:1)

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'rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of the Son he loves.'

(Col.1:13)

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'As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live... but God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ.' (Eph.2:1,2,4)

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'God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.'

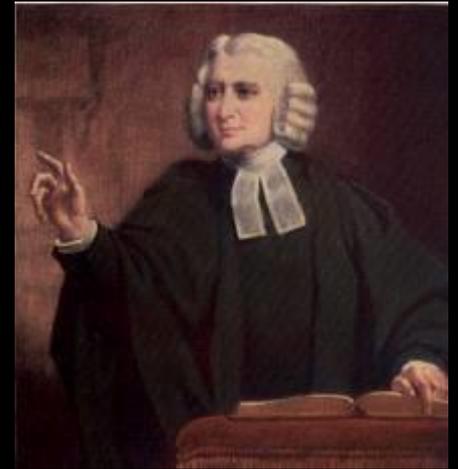
(1 John.5:11,12)

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“And can it be”

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness Divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley



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'For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last...

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people...' (Rom.1:17,18)

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² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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“The moral law has not been abolished for us; it is to be fulfilled in us. Although law-obedience is not the *ground* of our justification, it is the fruit of it and the very meaning of sanctification. Holiness is Christlikeness, and Christlikeness is fulfilling the righteousness of the law.”

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⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

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Summary

- Being '*in Christ*' is the spiritual position we occupy, where God has accepted us and made us righteous
- '*In Christ*' means that we are no longer under God's wrath or condemnation
- Christ liberates us from the condemnation of the law, yet frees us to obey the law
- The reason Christ died was to enable us to become like him; "holiness is the ultimate purpose of Christ's incarnation and atonement" (Stott)
- Only those who live in accordance with the Spirit can please God. It is the Spirit who empowers us to victorious living