

Connecting Through the Word
Set Free in Christ Jesus
Romans 6-8

Romans 8:1-9

¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

² *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

³ *For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,*

⁴ *that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk 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, the things of the Spirit.*

⁶ *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

⁷ *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.*

⁸ *So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

⁹ *But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*

Remember:

Romans 1- 3 Sin – We are guilty

Romans 4&5 Salvation – Righteousness of God by faith

Romans 6-8 Sanctification – Freedom in Christ Jesus

The key to victorious Christian living found in these chapters.

Three words to remember and help internalize these chapters and the principles that lead us to victorious, liberated living!

Romans 6 – Position

Romans 7 – Problem

Romans 8 – Provision

Now, going back to chapters 4 & 5 we find that it is the grace of God that leads us to the cross of Jesus Christ where we find the righteousness of God that is put on our account!

Look at Paul's conclusion on this!

Romans 5:15-21

¹⁵ *But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, **much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace** of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.*

¹⁶ *And the **free gift** is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the **free gift** following many trespasses brought justification.*

¹⁷ *For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive **the abundance of grace and the free gift** of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

¹⁸ *Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.*

¹⁹ *For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

²⁰ *Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, **grace abounded all the more,***

²¹ *so that, as sin reigned in death, **grace also might reign through righteousness** leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Free Gift mentioned four times.
Grace of God mentioned five times.

Where there is more sin, there is more grace!

Paul was being falsely accused of teaching people to sin so they could receive more grace!

This leads us to Paul's opening statements in chapter 6.

Up to this point, dealing with sin before salvation that separates us from God and makes us guilty under the sentence of condemnation and death.

Now, dealing with sin in the life of a believer that breaks our fellowship with God and keeps us from enjoying the freedom and victory we have in Christ.

This is called Sanctification! Being set apart! Making it possible to live a righteous, holy, victorious Christian life.

This all begins with knowing and understanding our position in Christ!

Realize Your Position

Three key words in this chapter!

Knowing
Reckoning
Yielding

These three words.

The first word, know—that deals with fact.

The second word, reckon—that deals with faith.

The third word, yield—that deals with function.

That tells you how you put the fact and the faith into action.

And when you get the fact that is there, you understand the fact, you put your faith in that fact, that is you reckon, and then you yield to it, you function, you begin to live victoriously.

What do you need to know?

Know you are in Christ!

Romans 6:3

*Or do you not **know that** as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were baptized into His death?*

First:

You were placed into Christ at the moment of your salvation.

You asked Jesus to come into your heart and life. And He came in! He came in to live in you!

Colossians 1:27 *“Christ in you, the hope of glory!”*

You were lost in sin because before you were in Adam!
But now you are in Christ!

Since you are in Christ, everything that happened to Christ happened to you!

When Christ died – you died!

When Christ was buried – you were buried with Him!

When Christ arose from the grave – you rose with Him!

Romans 6:5-8

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

The illustration of the paper in the book.

The story of Pastor Robert G. Lee, the pastor Belview Baptist in Memphis Tennessee.

His first time in Holy Land and was at Calvary.

The guide asked if anyone had been there before.

He responded, "Yes, I was here two thousand years ago!"

Suppose that a man has committed a crime. Many of us will remember Lee Harvey Oswald. Most of us believe Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy. They had him arrested, they had him in jail, and he would've been put on trial, but what happened? Jack Ruby, many of us saw it live on black and white TV, Jack Ruby came up, put that gun on him and shot him. He died. The law says, "Then forget it. You can't put a dead man on trial. It's over. That's it." I mean, he died! You can't put him on trial anymore.

You must know and believe this fact, this reality!!!!

The picture of scriptural baptism – Identification

Second:

Reckon – This deals with faith.

Reckon literally means to calculate.

It's a bookkeeping term.

You are to calculate on this fact.

You are to count on this fact.

It doesn't deal with feelings.

The word reckon in the Greek is in the present tense, and that means it's something you are to be doing constantly.

He died for you; you died with Him—that's once for all.

But day by day by day by day, you need to take that fact and turn it into faith and reckon on it.

I believe that fact.

I put that fact into action."

That is appropriation.

Third:

Yield – This deals with function

Now there's a fact.

You put your faith in that fact.

But there is a function that you must fulfill.

Romans 6:12-13

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not yield (present) your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but yield (present) yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

When temptation comes you must yield yourself to God.

That's what most of us don't want to do. And it's such a simple thing. Just simply say, "Here I am, Lord. I make myself available to You. I cannot. I just yield."

Either you'll yield to the temptation, or you'll yield to God.

But you will yield to either one or the other.

When it comes, and you feel that old lust coming—you want to read that pornographic literature, you want to drink that, you want to smoke that, you want to say that, you want to do that.

Say, "I don't have to do that. I don't have to do that. That old nature is dead. I have been buried with Christ. I have been raised with Christ. Resurrection power is available to me. I count on it. Here, God! I yield myself to You!"

Identification

Appropriation

Emancipation – Free from the power and slavery of sin and the old nature.

Remember Your Position – “In Christ”

But it appears Paul knows that there will still be a daily struggle!

Recognize Your Problem – “I”

Chapter 7

The problem is “I”!

Thirty times the one letter word “I” is used!

Remember and you can’t forget the law of sin is ever present.

Romans 7:14-23

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

The Problem – I, I, I, I, is still with me everyday I wake up!

I is the middle letter of sin and the middle letter of pride!

We are introduced to two laws in this passage:

The law of sin and death

The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.

Paul concludes Chapter 7

Romans 7:24-25

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Realize Your Position – “In Christ”

Recognize Your Problem – “I”

**Receive Your Provision and Power – The Holy Spirit
Chapter 8**

Twenty-two times the word “Spirit” is used!

First:

Two Laws

Law of the Spirit of Life

Law of sin and death

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Best Illustration:

Law of Gravity

Law of Aerodynamics

When you see a plane or a bird flying in the sky has the law of gravity disappeared?

Of course not!

A new law has been introduced! That operates on facts and principles that overcomes the law of gravity.

But if you break the law of aerodynamics you immediately are come back under the law of gravity.

My first solo flight in a Cessna 150. I wanted to park the plane in the air and wait for the other planes to get out of my way.

We can choose to live by the principles and power of a greater law – the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus or by default we automatically live under the dominion of the old law of sin and death.

Everyday we should believe and accept the provisions that are given to us by the power and person of the Holy Spirit.

Several things I need to believe and receive!

Believe that the Holy Spirit lives in me!

Romans 8:9 NLT

But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

The Holy Spirit gives life to my mortal body

Romans 8:11

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.

At the moment of faith and obedience!!!! He makes alive!

The Holy Spirit leads and guides

Romans 8:14

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

The Holy Spirit gives assurance of salvation

Romans 8:15-16

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!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

The Holy Spirit gives us hope of a future glory.

Romans 8:17-25

“If we suffer with Him we will also be glorified with Him.”

The Holy Spirit helps us with our weakness especially in praying the right prayers.

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

The Holy Spirit assures us that everything will work out for our good in the end.

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

What is the conclusion of the whole matter!

God is for us!

Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

God is ready to give us everything we need!

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Jesus Is Praying and Interceding for us!

Romans 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

God Loves us with the never-ending Love that is found in Christ Jesus!

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So today do want to enjoy the freedom that has already been given to you in Christ Jesus?

Realize Your Position in Christ

Know – Reckon – Yield

Recognize Your Ever-Present Problem – Pride “I”

Receive Your Provision – The Holy Spirit

Romans 8:6

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