

Romans: Righteousness Revealed
Freedom In Christ! (Part 1)
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Romans 8:1 (NIV)

- So as a result of a correct understanding of and ATTITUDE towards God's moral law, we who are in Christ are consequently DECLARED FREE, that is having no CONDEMNATION.

1. Freedom from JUDGEMENT! (vs 1-4)

A) The law cannot CLAIM you! (vs 2; Romans 6:14)

B) The law cannot CONDEMN you!
(vs 3; Psalm 34:22; John 3:17)

C) The law cannot CONTROL you! (vs 4; Phil 2:13)

2. Freedom from DEFEAT! (vs 5-17)

A) Living WITHOUT the Spirit! (vs 5-8)

1) In the FLESH vs in the SPIRIT. (vs 5)

2) DEATH vs LIFE. (vs 6)

3) WAR with God vs PEACE with God.
(vs 6-7; Isaiah 48:22; Romans 5:1)

4) Pleasing SELF vs pleasing GOD. (vs 8)

B) Living WITH the Spirit!

(vs 9-11; Jer 29:11; Matt 10:10; 1 Cor 6:19-20; Eph 1:13)

- The EVIDENCE of conversion is the presence of the Holy Spirit WITHIN the believer.

- Life in Christ is, indeed, ABUNDANT life.

C) Living with the Spirit in CONTROL! (vs 12-17; Gal 5:16)

- It's not enough for us to HAVE the Spirit...the Spirit must HAVE us!

- We have an OBLIGATION, but that obligation is not to our carnal, depraved sin nature. (vs 12)

- Verse 14 is the KEY.

- This is the beauty of ADOPTION. (vs 16-17)

My friends, in Christ, there is no need to be DEFEATED or live in fear of JUDGEMENT.

- What's holding you back from giving up your hurts, habits and hang-ups?
- What is causing you to not yield your entire life to Christ?