

Overcoming Creation's Present Futility: Romans 8:1-28 (Review)

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Introduction

8:1 There is therefore now no ~~condemnation~~ **servitude [to sin]** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

What does *katakrima* [wrongly rendered as condemnation] mean?

8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Why is it important that Paul said me?

8:3 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,

Likeness of sinful flesh, not in sinful flesh

8:4 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.

8:5 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.

8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

8:8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Meaning of in the flesh.

8:9 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.

8:10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. The meaning of giving life to a dead body, though the body remains dead.

8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

8:13 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.

What kind of death is in focus?

8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Are all children of God sons/daughters of God?

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

What does adoption mean? Literally, it means placing [someone] as a son. In ancient Rome, a father might adopt his own biological child—rendering his child as his son.

8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies along with our spirit that we are children of God, Most wrongly imagine that this says that the Holy Spirit testifies *to* our human spirit. The same exact grammar appears in Romans 9:1, but no one thinks that Paul testifies to his conscience there. Instead, both the Spirit and our human spirit testify to God that we are His children.

8:17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

All believers are children of God. All believers have the general inheritance.

Those who suffer with Christ also have a joint inheritance with the Firstborn ruler, Jesus Christ

8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **19** For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; **21** because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

8:23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

8:24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

What does *saved* mean here?

8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The Spirit helps? How?

Who groans? Who speaks?

8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Correcting wrong impressions of Romans 8:28

Do all believers love God? Are they all called in harmony with His purpose?

Do non-sons **TOTALLY** lose out?

CONCLUSION