

“FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH”

INTRODUCTION

I. Text for the lesson, Rom. 8:1-3 (Read)

A. In this passage, Paul speaks of being “free”, and speaks of “laws.”

1. He is describing the then “present” situation of the Romans, in the word “now”--“there is therefore now no condemnation” as they had been baptized into Christ to be free from sin's bondage. Ro.6:3; 17f

2. The word “therefore” suggests a conclusion, for he had just written about thanksgiving to God for deliverance from Satan's control. Ro.7:24,25

B. “No condemnation” of verse 1 is the state of being “free”, stated in v. 2.

1. If one is not condemned for a crime, he is free, and if he had been guilty and has been forgiven, he is **now** free.

2. Freedom from the guilt of **sin** is now under consideration in the text.

II. Let's give attention to being **FREE, and how it involves **LAWS**.**

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, let's think about the word “FREE.”

A. Those “free” (not condemned) are described as being “in Christ.”

1. Paul and the Romans got **into** Christ by baptism. Ro.6:3; Gal.3:27

2. Being **in** Christ, one is free from condemnation & in fellowship with God.

B. Those free “in Christ” are described as not walking in flesh, but after the Spirit.

1. We do not practice the works of the flesh as a way of life. Gal.5:19-21;

1 Pe.4:2,3

2. In contrast, we walk after the Spirit.

a. It is a “law” which the Holy Spirit brings to us in the N.T.

b. It is a law that controls the spirit of man, as the inward man, which enables us to control the desires of the flesh, or outer man.

c. Then, it is a spiritual law, making us to be spiritually minded.

Ro.8:5,6

II. 2nd, let's think about the word “LAW.”

A. The violation of the first law is what brings condemnation or guilt initially.

1. This is the law of “sin and death.” Ro.8:2

2. This is the law that God reveals, and warns us that if we “sin”, we will die

a. This began in Eden. Gen. 2:16,17

b. It continued in the OT days, which certain evil-doers were put to death because of their sins.

1) Uzzah died for illegally touching the ark of the covenant.

2) Nadab and Abihu died for worshiping God improperly.

c. This law continued in the NT age as well.

1) Ananias and Sapphira died physically for their sins.

2) We all die spiritually when we disobey God's law of the spirit of life. Rom.7:9-11

B. The second law under consideration here is the law given by Moses.

1. It could not save because of man's weakness in trying to keep it. Ro.8:3;

Heb.7:18-19

2. As a law, it had no saving power. Gal.3:19,21

3. The law was taken out of the way when the Savior came. Ro.8:3;

Col.2:14

C. Now, the third law (mentioned first because of the preeminence in power) **does** make us free from the law of sin and death.

1. It offers life in Christ and the gospel. Ro.8:2; 1:16; 6:23

2. Christ makes us free through His word and His blood. Jn.8:32,36; Rom. 3:23-25; Js.1:25

CONCLUSION

I. Are you under bondage to sin because you have never **been** freed, or have gone back under bondage to sin?

A. Being a servant of sin, you are free **from** a state of righteousness. Ro.6:20

B. Being obedient **to** Christ and the gospel, you can be made free. Ro.6:17,18

II. Exhortation.