

A Romans Refresher: Part 3: The Christian Life (Rom 8:1-17)

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Introduction

Romans 8:1 Believers who walk according to the Spirit, not according to the flesh, no longer have servitude to sin

Discussion of *katakrima* (often mistranslated as *condemnation*)

Romans 5:

Genesis

Law of the Spirit frees (believers who walk according to the Spirit) from the law of sin & death (8:2)

The Law was too weak to deal effectively with the flesh, but the cross pronounced a sentence on sin in the flesh (8:3)

The purpose for the cross pronouncing a sentence is so believers (walking by the Spirit) may fulfill the righteous action of the Law (8:4)

(Believers or unbelievers) set in relation to the flesh set their mind on the things of the flesh, but believers set in relation to the Spirit set their mind on the things of the Spirit (8:5)

The mind-set of the flesh: death; the Spirit's mind-set: life and peace (8:6)

The mind-set of the flesh is hostile to God; and neither can nor does submit to God (8:7)

Those in the flesh (unbelievers) cannot please God; believers have the indwelling Spirit and are not in the flesh; those lacking the Spirit are unbelievers (8:8-9)

Christ is within believers (whose bodies are dead), but they have life from the Spirit (in their dead bodies) (8:10)

The Spirit of the Father who raised Christ will give life to our mortal bodies because of the Spirit (8:11)

Believers have no obligation to live according to the flesh; death results from living according to the flesh; but if (by the Spirit) we put to death the deeds of the body, we will live (8:12-13)

No one but God's children (believers) are led by God's Spirit (8:14)

Only males are fathers, but _____ are _____.

Only believers are _____, but _____.

We have not received again a fear-producing spirit of bondage, but a spirit of sonship placement, by which we cry out Ab-ba (*ab* = father, *ba* = the), Father (8:15)

The Spirit Himself along with our (human) spirit testifies that we are God's children (8:16)

The main verb is *summartureō* = to jointly testify (cf. Rom 9:1)

It is not that the Spirit testifies to our spirit, but that the HS & our spirit testify to the Father

Believers are God's children, so we are heirs of God; but (if and only if we suffer together with Him for the purpose of being glorified together with Him) we then become joint heirs with Christ (8:17)