

### **There Is No Condemnation for Those in Christ Jesus**

Rom 8.1 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.

\* **Many** Bible scholars have acclaimed that Rom 8 is the most glorious \_\_\_\_\_ in the most glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of all Scripture.

\* **The words** “therefore now” in the Greek signal that a major \_\_\_\_\_ is being drawn. Paul is pulling together themes that reach at least as far back as ch \_\_\_\_.

\* **If Paul** wanted the smoothest transition, he would begin with vs \_\_\_\_\_. But he can’t contain the conclusion, so he just blurts it out in vs \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **God’s** condemnation is what sentenced Adam and the human race into \_\_\_\_\_ to Satan, sin, and death. Condemnation is a \_\_\_\_\_ term, a law court term, and it basically means to adjudge & punish someone as \_\_\_\_\_. It’s the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_, which is also a law court term, which means to adjudge someone as righteous—not only innocent of wrong, but also affirmatively in the right.

Deut 25.1 “If there is a dispute between men, and they come to court, that the judges may judge them, and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked,

\* **Condemnation** came upon all men due to \_\_\_\_\_ disobedience in the Garden of Eden.

Rom 5.18: “[T]hrough one man’s offense[,] judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation.”

\* **The** sentence pronounced included \_\_\_\_\_.

Rom 5.15: “[B]y the one man’s offense the many died,

\* **It also** included the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and death.

Rom 5.17 “[B]y the one man’s offense death reigned through the one ... vs 21 sin reigned in death ...”

\* **Adam’s** & our condemnation is the means by which Satan turned mankind & the earth into his kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_, instead of God’s kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 4.5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”

“Deliver” here in the Greek means it was granted by a \_\_\_\_\_ authority.

\* **“The satan”** & “the devil” are not names; they are courtroom \_\_\_\_\_. “The satan” means “the \_\_\_\_\_,” our legal opponent in the courtroom of God. “The devil” means “the \_\_\_\_\_,” which clarifies what kind of legal opponent Satan is. Adam and us—we are the \_\_\_\_\_. As a result of Adam’s disobedience in the Garden, Satan could come before God & truthfully accuse Adam: “Adam obeyed \_\_\_\_\_ word, not yours. He imaged \_\_\_\_\_, not you. Therefore he is rightfully my \_\_\_\_\_, not yours.”

\* **Jesus** uses the same \_\_\_\_\_.

John 8.39 They ... said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me ... Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We ... have one Father—God.” 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God ... 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth ...”

\* **Satan** could also argue to God, “You have decreed that the earth & the human race under \_\_\_\_\_. That means they are both now under \_\_\_\_\_; they are \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom, not yours.”

\* **But when** Jesus ascends into heaven, Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven. That means Satan no longer has a valid \_\_\_\_\_. If you don’t have a \_\_\_\_\_, you don’t get to hang out in the courtroom.

Rev 12.5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne ... 7 And war broke out in heaven... and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.”

Psalms 2.7 “You are My Son, today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.”

Mat 28.18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority

has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Heb 10.12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

\* **What** the law could do is tell men how to \_\_\_\_\_ with God and one another in faith and love. What the law could not do is \_\_\_\_\_ for sin and free men from the reign of Satan, sin, and death. What the law could not do is give men a \_\_\_\_\_ and mind to believe God and walk in love with him and one another.

\* **God sent** his Son as one of \_\_\_\_\_, fully human, but only in the “likeness of sinful flesh,” for he himself was not \_\_\_\_\_. He was not descended from \_\_\_\_\_, having no human father, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Unlike the rest of the humanity, he was not born under the \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan, sin, and death. He was not born in a state of separation from \_\_\_\_\_, nor with the inward antipathy and aversion toward God which infected the rest of the humanity. Rather, he was born in a state of communion with \_\_\_\_\_ and with a disposition to believe God and to \_\_\_\_\_ and serve him, and to delight in doing so.

John 8.29 “And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

John 5.19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever [the Father] does, the Son also does in like manner.”

John 15.15 “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” ‘

Heb 1.3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact expression of His nature ...

\* **All of** that was “on account of \_\_\_\_\_” (vs 3). It was to qualify Jesus to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf, which was our propitiation—that which was pictured on the Day of Atonement, which involved a single sacrifice of two \_\_\_\_\_.

Lev 16.7 He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD ... 8 Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the

LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD’s lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. 10 But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be ... let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

\* **When** God “condemned sin in the flesh” of Christ (vs 3), it was not a case of the Father losing his \_\_\_\_\_, for the Father is the one who “so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that he gave his only begotten Son” (Jn. 3.16). But love doesn’t mean that he loses his righteousness. Adam’s sin and ours rightly merits righteous \_\_\_\_\_ & just \_\_\_\_\_, for the same reason & in the same way that we become righteously angry & demand just punishment when we see a crime involving deep betrayal in a relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. What Adam did in the Garden was a betrayal & renunciation of \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **Jesus** took our sins as far from us “as the \_\_\_\_\_ is from the \_\_\_\_\_” (Ps. 103.12).

\* **This** was all so that we might be restored fully to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, restored to the relationship with God we were created for, restored to what it means to be God’s sons & daughters. That requires the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God to once again be resident within us. Only the ruling power of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God can set us free from the “law of sin and death” (vs 2).

\* **Just as** Adam’s one act of disobedience in the Garden of Eden resulted in condemnation for the human race, even so Jesus’ one act of supreme obedience in the Garden of Gethsemane—that one act of supreme \_\_\_\_\_ in the Father’s promise of resurrection & glory, that one act of supreme sacrifice to the Father’s \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of his brethren, that one act that supremely affirmed God as \_\_\_\_\_ & Father and embraced everything it means to be God’s \_\_\_\_\_ — that one supreme act obtained justification, victory, salvation, and \_\_\_\_\_ for the creation and for a new human race born of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God.

Rom 5.18 So then, as through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone, so also through one righteous act there is life-giving justification for everyone.