



The Riches of Grace in Christ Jesus

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•Rom. 8:1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,

– What led up to this?

- *Rom 6:3-4 - Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*
- But then Paul's learning curve begins.
 - *Rom 7 – read it!*

– Why is this fact so very important to us as believers?

- What happens when this is not our ownership?

•John 5:24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into



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condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

- This passage follows a passage where the Jews questioned Jesus' healing on the Sabbath.
 - *John 5:16,17 - For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."*
 - The Lord's response turned to His oneness with the Father.
 - *John 5: 20, 21 – "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.*
- I think we often forget about this promise of the Lord Jesus of which we were reminded of by Paul in *Rom 8:1*.
- Was this *death unto life* the Lord spoke of pertinent to the Jew at the time or was this related to the 2nd death?



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- RWP – ‘Jesus speaks now of physical life and death, not of spiritual, and one must notice carefully the quick transition.’
 - *Rev 20:6 - Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*

•1 Cor. 11:32. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

- This passage follows instructions surrounding the Lord’s Table.
 - *1 Cor 11:29-31 - For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.*
- Why is this brought up here?
- Why is this distinction between us and the world so important?



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- How does it relate to our position?

• John 3:18. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- Why are those who fail to believe condemned already?
 - *Psalms 14:2,3 - The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one. To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.*
 - *Isaiah 64:6 - But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousness are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.*
 - *Rom 3:3 – There is none righteous, no not one.*
- And John repeats this in his 1st epistle:



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- *1 John 5:10 - He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.*
- Is this fair?
- In conversing with the unbeliever here's a good place to start: 'is man (human-kind) basically good or evil'?
 - *1 Cor 15:45 - And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*
 - What does God say about our contribution to salvation?
 - And the world has a lot of trouble accepting this truth, don't they.
- But we are all **condemned** until the truth of salvation becomes clear!
 - *Eph 2:8,9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*