



Romans

Review – 8:1-13

- Why is verse one true?
 - Because we are in Christ!
 - Christ cannot be condemned and nor can we because we are in Him.
 - The Greek brings out the idea that there is no room for condemnation
 - Because of what God did – mentioned in verse three.
 - Condemning sin in the flesh
- Why we are not condemned but God has condemned sin in the flesh? How do these two ideas of condemnation relate to each other?
 - Because God has condemned sin in the flesh therefore we are not condemned.
- How did God condemn sin in the flesh?
 - How was God satisfied?
 - By sending Christ, His own Son, as an offering for sin
- What were the results of condemning sin in the flesh?



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- Verse 4 - What is the idea of the law here? The law of the Spirit of life and the law of sin and death?
 - Law is something that has authority
 - The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has authority over the law of sin and death – has set us free from the law of sin and death
 - Is this positional or conditional?
 - How does this positional truth become real in our condition?
 - What does the law require?
 - Perfection
 - Because we are in Christ when God sees us He sees Christ who is perfect
 - Therefore the requirement of the law is being fulfilled in us as we walk according to the Spirit
- Are the sins of unbelievers any different from the sins of believers?
 - They are the same except that the believers sins are forgiven by God and the unbelievers sins are not
 - But the believers sins are just as ugly and just as sinful as the unbeliever



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- How long does it take after being a believer for the flesh to improve?
 - The flesh will never improve
- Why is the flesh never going to improve?
 - It can only function according to its nature which is sinful (a cat can only function in the nature of a cat)
- If the flesh is never going to improve then how can believers please God?
 - What about someone who is reaching out to neighbors, family and co-workers, raising a family in a God honoring way or serving the Lord?
 - Can doing these things make someone pleasing to God?
 - If these things are done in the flesh they are not pleasing to God
 - John 6:63 & 15:5, Romans 14:23, Hebrews 11:6



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In the Spirit, not in the flesh – 8:8-10

Flesh

Spirit

Faith in self	Faith in Christ who is our life
Source is self, flesh and sin nature	Source is the life of Christ, new nature
Reaching out to neighbors and family	Reaching out to neighbors and family
Raising family in a God honoring way	Raising family in a God honoring way
Serving the Lord	Serving the Lord

What is the source? The flesh or Spirit



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Contrast of flesh and Spirit in verses 5-9

Flesh

Spirit

Mind set on the flesh (vs. 5)	Mind set on the Spirit (vs. 5)
Death (vs. 6)	Life and peace (vs. 6)
Hostile toward God (vs. 7)	In the Spirit (vs.9)
Not able to be subject to the law of God (vs. 7)	Indwelt by the Spirit of God (vs. 9)
Cannot please God (vs. 8)	

Positionally believers are not in the flesh but in the Spirit



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- Is the first phrase of verse 9 positional or conditional?
 - Positional and everything flows from our position in Christ
 - What are some positional truths that are true of us because we are not in the flesh but in the Spirit?
 - Therefore believers are not under obligation to the flesh
 - Therefore He is giving life to our mortal bodies
 - Therefore believers are to by the Spirit but to death the deeds of the body
- How does a believer by the Spirit but to death the deeds of the body?
 - What is God's part in this instruction ?
 - What is man's part in this instruction?
 - God has done his part in identifying believers with Christ - Romans 6:1-10 & 14
 - Our part is to reckon those things to be true – Romans 6:11
 - Our part is to by faith present ourselves to God – Romans 6:13