

IN CHRIST

ROMANS, CHAPTER 8

1st Pillar of Blessing from being In Christ

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Romans 8:1 KJV "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

I. Three Keys to _____ in Romans 8

A. Cannot _____ and enjoy the blessings in chapter 8

1. First key is found in Romans 7:15-24

Romans 7:15-24 KJV "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

KEY: The key is going beyond a _____ in Jesus.

Romans _____, not Romans _____, is the chapter that Christians should be living in.

John 10:10 KJV "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

B. Cannot _____ and enjoy the blessings of chapter 8

1. Second key is found in Romans 8:1

Romans 8:1 KJV "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

In your handouts, I have given you a copy of Romans 8. I want you to take your pen or pencil and in verse 1, make sure that these words are circled, "which are in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 2:20 KJV "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

2. What does it mean to be 'In Christ'?

Simply, it means that the person who has placed in faith in Christ and what Christ did for him, he has been placed in Christ. He has believed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and has been identified with each one.

- The key is being _____, to have _____ fully in Christ as his Saviour.

C. Cannot _____ and enjoy the blessings of chapter 8

1. Third key is found in Romans 8:1

Romans 8:1 KJV "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Take your pencil and circle these words, 'who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.'

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

2. Define the following words.

a. Walk

Walk means _____ your life.

- If you walk after the flesh, then the flesh is the controlling aspect of your life.
- If you walk after the Spirit, then the Spirit is the controlling aspect of your life.

b. Flesh

Flesh is simple to define - flesh is the things of the _____ and the _____.

1 John 2:15-17 KJV "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

c. Spirit

This is referring to the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. This is the Spirit of God that indwells the believer when he comes to know Christ as his Saviour.

Galatians 5:16 KJV "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of

the flesh.”

3. Walking in the Spirit

His life is regulated by the Spirit of God that lives and dwells in his life.

The Key is being _____ to the Holy Spirit.

II. First Pillar of Blessing to being In Christ is ‘ _____ ’

Romans 8:1 KJV “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

I want you to look at the make-up of this verse. Look at the timing. Look at the breakdown. Diagram this sentence.

A. To:

First, this verse is written ‘to them’ Who are the ‘them’? Remember, we have already talked about this:

- Those in Christ
- Who walk after the Spirit

Now, does this apply to you? Are you in Christ? Are you walking after the Spirit?

B. When:

What is the timing? When will it happen? Notice that one little word, _____!

C. Blessing is _____

John 3:15-21 KJV “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 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. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

III. Final Words

A. If you are not in Christ, you are are still condemned

If you are here today and you have never come to know Christ as your personal savior, you have never prayed to receive Christ, you have never asked for your sins to be forgiven and have Christ come into your heart, then right now you are condemned. Your sins are condemning you to an eternity without the Lord. Your sins will bring you before a just and holy God and you will receive the penalty for your sins.

The only way to enjoy the blessing of no condemnation is to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior. This is when the Holy Spirit tugs on your heart to bring you to Christ and you answer that tug. You pray, **“Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I know I have done things that are wrong. I know that you died on the cross for my sins. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and come into my heart and be my Savior. I pray that you will save me and make me a new person. Thank you for saving me. Amen**

When you receive Christ as your savior, you will become a new person, person in Jesus Christ. If God is calling you right now, then pray right where you are and receive Him. Then take the bulletin tear off and let me know that today you received Christ as your savior. On the way out, pick up the little book on the Information desk, **“First Steps in a New Direction.”**

B. If you are a Christian and not walking in the victorious life, then

You begin to walk victorious when you:

- 1. Ask God to forgive you of your sins and backsliding**
- 2. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart and life**
- 3. Yield to the Holy Spirit**

Romans 6:13 KJV “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

- 4. Begin being obedient to the things that you know God has called you to do - pray, read, study, reach out, etc.**
- 5. Choose each day to serve the Lord**

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