

Triumphant Living

Lesson One • Romans 8:1

The Glorious Gospel

The Glorious Gospel in Romans 8:

In what is widely regarded as the greatest chapter in the Bible, Paul shows us “what the GOSPEL can do for you.”

The Glorious Gospel:

1. What We Often Cry Out: “O WRETCHED man that I am!”

Romans 7:24

The Struggle with Ongoing Sin:

Every Christ-follower is in a struggle with ongoing sin, and we often FAIL.

“I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.”

~Paul, Romans 7:19 ESV

“O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?”

~Paul, Romans 7:24 NKJV

2. What the Gospel Declares: “There is therefore now NO condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus!”

Romans 8:1

From Condemnation to No Condemnation:

- “Outside of Christ,” we are found GUILTY of sin and live under condemnation.

There is none righteous, no, not one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:10, 23 NKJV

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. Romans 8:12 ESV

- “In Christ,” we are declared RIGHTEOUS and set free from condemnation.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. Romans 5:18 ESV

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2Corinthians 5:21 NIV

The Problem of Wrong Thinking:

We believe in Jesus Christ and there’s no condemnation. But then we sin, and we revert to a PERFORMANCE mentality for our acceptance by God.

The Good News of Being “In Christ”:

- God does not REJECT those who are “in Christ” when they sin. *Luke 15:11-32*

- God does not PUNISH those who are “in Christ” when they sin. *Hebrews 12:4-11*

The Most Important Question:

Where are you: “OUTSIDE of Christ” or “IN Christ”?

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God...He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. John 3:18, 36 NKJV

If You Are “In Christ”...

You can write your name in Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for _____, who is in Christ Jesus.”

Our Response to the Glorious Gospel:

Our hearts should be filled with grateful WORSHIP towards God for finding a way to justify sinners like us through faith in Jesus Christ.

“I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!” ~Paul, Romans 7:25 NKJV