

Sermon Questions

The King's Pardon
Romans 8:1
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CONNECT:

- What was your favorite activity this summer?

GROW:

- Read Romans 8:1. Paraphrase this verse into your own words.
- We learned this week that a scribe added the words "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Are you ever tempted to add conditions to God's grace? Why or why not?
- Satan uses feelings of condemnation to discourage believers and keep them from confession. What are some practical ways to combat this?
- Have you ever tried to rely on your own power to stay out of "condemnation?" (i.e., trying to be worthy of God's grace). What might that look like?

GO:

- Spend time this week in confession regarding any sin that is keeping you from coming before the Lord. Keep in mind, there is NOW no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus!

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Romans 8:1 is about the cherished results of saving faith in Jesus alone! According to the Bible, eternal life (salvation with God in Heaven) is in Jesus alone. To be forgiven of our sins, cleansed from all unrighteousness, justified (declared righteous as Jesus' righteousness is put upon/imputed to Christ-followers), and adopted as a child of God, one must believe in Jesus alone as Savior and Lord.

By faith in Jesus alone, one must believe that God became man (the God-man—what is called the incarnation). Jesus lived a sinless life (perfection), but willingly died for our sins. (He died in our place, on the cross, as the **"wages of sin is death"**—He graciously died for our sins). Jesus was placed in a tomb on what we celebrate as Good Friday. Jesus then conquered death, and rose again (Easter Sunday)! His death, burial and resurrection is a sufficient payment for sin (it is effectual) for all who, by faith, confess one's sins (agree with God that one is a sinner) and repents of sin (in the power of the Holy Spirit, one begins to turn away from sin and towards the Lord). **"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"** ([Romans 10:13](#))!

Scripture teaches the following and urges us to accept these verses as inspired, inerrant truth:

Romans 3:23 (all ESV): **"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."** (Sin is any action, thought, motive, attitude, or inactivity that is outside of God's perfect will for each person).

Romans 6:23: **"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."** (What we deserve for our sins is to be separated from our Holy God forever. Yet, God loves us ([John 3:16](#)) and thus He provides a perfect substitute, His sinless Son, Jesus, to pay for our sins. Jesus died for us, and then conquered death, and offers salvation for all who believe in Him as Savior and Lord).

Romans 5:8: **"but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** (God is love and loves us enough to pay for our sins through the willing sacrifice Jesus paid for us!).

Romans 10:9-10: **"because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."**

Romans 10:13: **"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."** Those who are no longer under condemnation are all who, by sincere faith, embrace the truth within these Bible verses, and express (in prayer to God) one's heart desire to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord. Such are **"in Christ"** and will never be condemned ([Romans 8:1](#))!

Next Week: Romans 8:2-8