

**Case Closed, Part 2:
When the Law Loses Its Grip**

Romans 8:1-4

I. The Law Cannot Claim You (vv. 1-2)

- A. Remember—you and I deserve God's condemnation
 - 1. Condemnation = guilty verdict + the sentence of wrath
 - 2. Justification = guilty verdict + the gift of grace
- B. Remember—you and I are free in Christ Jesus

II. The Law Cannot Condemn You (v. 3)

- A. The gospel *begins* with God
- B. The law is *powerless* to save
 1. The law reveals sin but cannot *redeem*
 2. The law condemns but cannot *justify*
 3. The law increases sin but cannot *remove* it
 4. The law points to Christ but cannot *replace* Him
 5. The law cannot give life—only the *Spirit* can

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C. The divine intervention

1. The incarnation without corruption
2. The imputation of our sin on Christ
3. The irony of Christ's sacrifice

TAKE HOME:

- Are you living in the *freedom* of “no condemnation,” or are you still carrying guilt?
- How does understanding the “great exchange”—Christ taking your sin and giving you His righteousness—*shape* your daily identity?
- Are you letting the truth that your penalty has been paid in full lead you in *joyful* obedience, or are you obeying out of fear and pressure?