

# Romans 7:25-8:1

## No More Condemnation

### 1. 7:24 – Wretched Man

- a. There are now 2 laws warring in him – God v. sin; inward v. members; flesh v. mind.
- b. This is a saved man expressing condemnation due to failure to serve how they want.
- c. The reason you are depressed, despair, condemned is that you try to do on your own.
- d. The flesh of the saved does not improve, the spirit is strengthened, and learns to walk.

### 2. 7:25 – Deliverance through Jesus Christ

- a. Paul knows his Deliverer; he's already delivered by what Christ has done, not *will do*.
- b. *"I thank God"* – v24 is the wretched man through his flesh, v25 the thankful man ...
- c. *"through Jesus Christ"* - He knows he is wretched, but he is not in despair – 2 Cor 4:3-8
- d. *"So then..."* - You can now identify "my mind" and "my flesh" in the daily battle within
  - i. You can now serve something other than your flesh 'through Jesus Christ'
- e. *"I myself serve..."* – This describes service with sins present, not our initial salvation.
  - i. In chapter 7 the law determined to be spiritual but gives no way to perform.
  - ii. We need spiritual help *without the law* – what the Lord Jesus Christ gives in 3:22
  - iii. Under grace, flesh does not perform: Christ performed, the Spirit performs.
- f. The victory of this verse continues on into Romans 8 according to the mystery of Christ.

### 3. 8:1 – No More Condemnation

- a. *"There is therefore now"* – After learning Rom 1:16-19, 2:1, 3:20, 28, 4:16, 5:1,18, 6:4
- b. This passage is referring to our walk and service – Rom 6:4, 7:4-6, 8:4
- c. *"no condemnation"* – A glorious truth, joyous reality, an amazing grace. How?
  - i. Condemnation ~def. Declaring guilty, worthy of punishment.
  - ii. Justification ~def. Declaring righteous, worthy of life. (Rom 6:22-23)
- d. *"to them which are in Christ Jesus"* - A critical qualification ◀ you must be in Christ!
  - i. All face condemnation until we are in Christ through faith – Rom 5:1, 5:18
  - ii. Romans not equal to John 3:18 (see 3:19-21) or 5:24 (see 5:29, 15:2, 1Jo 3:14)
  - iii. Condemnation under the law– Jam 3:1, Matt 12:36-37, 2 Cor 3:6
- e. *"who walk not after the flesh"* – A critical qualification ◀ walk not after Rom 7:18-24
  - i. Already been proven in Rom 5-8, condemnation is in Adam/old man/flesh
  - ii. All in Christ can face condemnation if we serve the flesh – Gal 5:1-6, 13, 6:4-10
  - iii. This state of condemnation is not our standing by grace – Rom 5:2, 6:6, 12, 21
  - iv. Shameful service is condemned – 2 Tim 2:15, 1 Tim 3:6, 5:12, 24, Titus 2:8

### 4. A Critical Warning

- a. The last 10 words are called spurious, gloss, interpolation, dittographical (copy mistake)
- b. Who? ESV, NIV, NLT, CSB, NET, Williams, Wiersbe, Clarke, Scofield, CR Stam, etc.
- c. Why? 1) copy mistake, 2) doctrinal error (Irony #1 - 'no major doctrine affected')
  - i. They think if you add a qualification then it removes free salvation by grace.
  - ii. Irony #2 – The same would say 'faith without works is dead' elsewhere.
- d. But if it refers to service not salvation, then it speaks of grace's full sufficiency.
- e. If you can't explain a passage, don't look to change the Bible. Change your mind.
- f. Beware of 'oldest and best', there is also majority and proven, tried and true.