

Foundations for Spiritual Growth – Romans 6-8 – Week Seven

New Life in the Spirit

Romans 8:1-4

Introduction: Because of what God has done through Christ, we have a new experience. It's not characterized by feelings of condemnation but by the experience of freedom from condemnation, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

1. **NEW CONFIDENCE – We stand in a state of no condemnation.**
Romans 8:1
 - A. First question: What exactly does “no condemnation mean?” 8:1a
 - B. Second question: To whom does “no condemnation” apply? 8:1a
 - C. Third question: What immediate practical implication does “no condemnation” make?

2. **WE HAVE REASONS FOR OUR NEW CONFIDENCE – We're operating under a new system, based upon two changes. Romans 8:2-4a**
 - A. Change #1: God changed the *principle* under which we live in relationship with him. 8:2
 - B. Change #2: God changed the *power* by which we operate. 8:3-4a
 - C. Notice the payoff in verse 4.
 - D. Notice that positional and practical truths work hand in hand.

3. **WE HAVE A NEW RESPONSIBILITY – We walk in the Spirit. Romans 8:4b**
 - A. What the term walk means.
 - B. Option number one: we can walk according to the flesh.
 - C. Option number two: we can walk according to the Spirit.