

(5:1-11)

Because we are justified by the blood of Jesus (through faith) God showed His love when Christ died for the ungodly (we were still sinners, under God's wrath), but Christ died for us. And because of this, we have now been justified - we are saved from the wrath of God!

Even though we were enemies of God (being ungodly), God reconciled us to Him (through the blood and death of Christ).

And since we are reconciled we are saved by Christ's life.

And so, we should rejoice in God (through Jesus, who is the Lord of our lives), because in and through Him (Jesus) we have been reconciled to God!

(5:12-21)

*Sin came into the world through Adam

Sin spread to all people

Sin existed before the Torah

Sin can't be a crime unless there's a law given first

But sin and death reigned from Adam to Moses

*Grace is a free gift from God,

grace isn't like sin

all people have sinned in Adam but not all people have grace
through Jesus

sin brought condemnation

grace brings justification

*Adam's trespass led to condemnation for all people

But Jesus' act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all
people (but it is effective for many)

*The Torah came to expose sin

But sin gave way to grace for eternal life

(6:1-14)

But we can't keep sinning just to show the greatness of grace!

If you've been delivered from your sin nature, why do you want it back?

When we're baptized into Christ, we're:

Baptized into his death

Buried with him and raised with him in life

we are united with him in life and death

Our old self is crucified:

Brought to nothing

No longer slaves to sin

Set free from sin

We now live WITH Christ!

(6:1-14)

With Christ raised from the dead we:

Never die again

Death has no dominion

Have died to sin forever

and live a life to God

So we must be death to sin and alive to Christ

Therefore, don't have sin reign in your body

Present yourself to God

We're not under Torah (which exposes sin) but grace

The free gift that gives righteousness and eternal life

(6:15-23)

So don't sin, because of God's grace that you've experienced

When you do you're returning to slavery

Be God's slave, because you're already been made a slave of
righteousness

Sanctification: since we've been set free

We are given the fruit of God that sanctifies us and brings eternal life!

Eternal life is the free grace of God

Sin gives us the death we earn through our natural
unrighteousness

Righteousness

- God's re-establishing 'right order' in the fallen world
 - right relationship between the world and its Creator
 - The new creation, in which righteousness dwells, has come in to being in Christ (Cf. 2 Cor 5:17-21; 2 Pet 3:13)

Ch 5 Negations:

Before justification we had no peace with God (1)

We were ungodly / sinners (8)

enemies of God (10)

Sin came through Adam, to all (12)

one man's trespass that affected all (15)

it brought condemnation (16)

Adam's disobedience made all sinners (19)

Ch 6 Negations:

- We sin in our mortal bodies (12)
 - We have sin and passions
 - Our members are presented as instruments of unrighteousness (13)
 - Sin has dominion (14)
 - We are slaves to the one we obey (16)
 - slaves to sin leaders to death (16)
- Your members were once slaves to impurity and lawlessness (19)
 - We are ashamed of our unrighteous fruit (21)
 - This fruit brings death (21)

Ch 5 Affirmations:

- We're justified by faith (5:1)
 - So we have peace with God (1)
 - have obtained access to faith (by His grace) (2)
 - We can rejoice in the hope of God's glory (2)
 - So we can also rejoice in our:
 - sufferings, which produce (3)
 - endurance, which produce (3)
 - character, which produces (4)
 - hope, which doesn't put to shame (5)
- Through God's love the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts (5)

Ch 5 Affirmations:

- Christ died for us / sinners / the ungodly (8)
 - we are justified by His blood (9)
 - and saved from God's wrath (9)
 - we're reconciled to God (10a, 10c, 11c)
 - and saved by Christ's life (10)
- The free gift (15a, 15c, 16a, 16c, 17c) brought justification (16c)
 - the free gift is righteousness (17c, 19c)
 - and through Christ's obedience many will be made righteous (19)

Ch 6 Affirmations

- We've died to sin (2)
- We're baptized into his death (3)
 - So we are buried with him (4, 5, 8)
 - So we'll also be raised from the dead (4, 5, 8, 9)
 - And walk in newness of life (4)

Ch 6 Affirmations

- Our old self was crucified with Christ (6)
 - So that sin might be brought to nothing (6)
 - and for us to not be enslaved to sin (6, 11)
- Sin will have no dominion over you since you're under grace (14)
 - We were once slaves to sin, but now to righteousness (15-16)
 - Since we've been freed from sin we're now slaves to God (22)
 - God's free gift leads to sanctification and bears fruit! (23)

(v1) "We have been justified by faith, we have peace with God"

- Past / Present / Future Salvation
 - Rom. 10:9 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.**
 - Eph. 2:8 For by grace you **have been saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God
 - 1Cor. 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who **are being saved** it is the power of God.

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- The biblical (NT) view that is salvation is an already / not yet
 - God's people HAVE BEEN saved through the Christ event
 - God's people ARE BEING saved in their sanctification process
 - God's people WILL BE saved when God raises them from the dead and judges the world

(v5) "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit"

- anticipated the Anointed One
- Is 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him
- Ez 39:29 29 And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God."

(v5) "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit"

- Joel 2:28-32 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29Even on the male and female servants. in those days I will pour out my Spirit. 30" And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 32And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

(v5) "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit"

- Pentecost Acts 2:17-21
- But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh

Reconciliation

- (10-11) "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

Reconciliation

- **Reconciled:** the exchange of hostility for a friendly relationship
- Cf. (Col 1:19-20) 2 Cor 5:18-20 18All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

(v3) "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death"

- believers participate in Christ's acts of redemption
- "Baptized into Christ"
 - *"Baptism stands for our whole conversation experience" -Moo*

(v6) "Our old self was crucified with him"

- Cf. Eph 4:22-4; Col 3:9-11 for "old self / man" language
 - The old self = Adam
 - The new self = Christ
- *"When a person comes to Christ, that person is no longer under the domination of (though still influenced by) the nexus of sin and death brought into the world by Adam." - Moo*



(v14) "You are not under law, but under grace"

- The law of Moses was part of the old era (Cf. Gal 3:15-4:7)
- Similar claim to John 1:17

2. 6:15-23 Freed from Sin's Power to Serve Righteousness

- (v16) "Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one you obey"
- obey sin rather than God

v19) "Offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness"

- **"holiness" = "sanctification"**
- *"As Christians give themselves in slavery to righteousness, they will progress further and further on the path of becoming different from the world and closer to the Lord's own holiness" - Moo*

C. 7:1-25 Freedom from Bondage to the Law

- Israel failed to fulfill the law (2:12-13, 17-24)
- The law's unable to justify a person (3:20, 28)
 - stirs up the conscience of sin (3:20)
 - brings wrath (4:15)
 - increases trespasses

Ch 7 parallels Ch 6

- die to sin (6:2)
 - are set free from it (6:6)
- so they die to the law (7:4)
 - are set free from it (7:6)
- Freedom from sin leads to serving God & producing fruit pleasing to Him (6:18-22)
 - Freedom from the law leads to serving "in the new way of the Spirit" (7:6) and producing "fruit to God" (7:4)

"Therefore, if one lives under sin's absolute authority, one cannot at the same time belong to Christ" - Moo

7:2-4 Marriage:

- **Jewish Law** (Paul is using Torah divorce code: Deut 24)
 - Divorce, death, remarriage
 - Male dominated
 - **Paul's use of marriage: The believer has been liberated from the law**

(v5) "When we were controlled by the sinful nature"

- Sinful nature / flesh = *sarx*
- OT background (*basar* = flesh) the human being (in his or her weakness, frailty, and proneness to sin)
- Gen 6:3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

Sarx

- "*world*" in John
- 1 John 4:2-5 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

"The be 'in the flesh' is to live in a world bounded by this life and its concerns: to make decisions and behave without any regard for God or for the spiritual realm" -Moo

Sarx

- *Sarx* is a ruling power of the old-age
 - If one has been born of the Spirit, they are no longer in the old-age

Christian obedience is anything that reflects the Spirit's work in transforming our minds and hearts...God has given us NT commands to direct our conduct and to show us where we are straying from his moral will. - Moo

a. 7:7-12 The Coming of the Law

- Negative assessment of the Mosaic Law
(Cf. 3:20, 28; 4:15; 5:20; 6:14, 15)
- The law is something that people must die to if they are to enjoy the benefits of being incorporated into Christ

1. Paul is describing his own experience as a normal, mature believer

- How he first came to know the law (7:7-12 past tense)
 - Shares his struggle as a Christian to fulfill the law of God
- God has redeemed him from sin, but still in the "body" (temptation & continuing struggle with the "sinful nature")
 - Looks forward when God will transform his body (7:24-25)
 - Meantime he's divided between service to the "law of God" & service to the "law of sin" (7:25)
 - A sense of "already-not yet"

2. Paul describes the experience of an immature Christian

- i. The person seems to be a believer - delights in God's law in the "inner being" as only a regenerate person could do
- ii. This person is not gaining victory over sin

3. The third view:

- His "life as a Jew under the law" (before coming to Christ)
 - He's shown how he became captive to the law of sin when the law was given (7:7-12)
 - So Paul now describes what life under the law was like
- *"While delighting in the law of God and seeking earnestly to obey it, Jews were unable to do so. They were held captive like prisoners under the power of sin (7:14, 23). Only Jesus Christ can save Jews from their spiritual death..." - Moo*
 - Until they come to that realization they will remain captives to the "law of sin" (7:25b)

3. The third view:

- 7:13-25 contradict his description of Christians in ch 6 & 8
 - “I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin” (7:14)
 - “you have been set free from sin” (6:18, 22; cf. 6:2, 6, 14)
 - “making me a prisoner of the law of sin” (7:23)
 - “through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death” (8:2)

(v23) "I see another law at work in the members of my body"

- Members = synonymous with flesh
- Romans 7 is about the experience of Israel with the Mosaic Law

1. 8:1-13 The Spirit of Life

- Nothing stands in the way of our ultimate vindication:
 - Neither sin (Ch 6); Or the Law (Ch 7)
- *"It is because of the Spirit's powerful influence that the believer can experience the blessings of salvation both now and into the future." - Moo*

(8:1-13) Flesh/Spirit

Set free in Christ from the law of sin and death

The law was weakened by the flesh (3)

Jesus condemned sin in the flesh (3)

that we wouldn't walk according to the flesh but the Spirit (4)

Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on fleshly things (5)

The mind of the flesh is death (6)

The mind set on the flesh is hostile to God (7)

It (the mind set on the flesh) doesn't and can't submit to God's law (7)

Those in the flesh can't please God (8)

[But Christians aren't in the flesh - but in the Spirit (9)]

If you live according to the flesh you'll die (13)

(8:1-13) Flesh/Spirit

There's no condemnation for those in Christ (1)

The law of the Spirit of life has set you free from death (2)

Christ came in the flesh to condemn flesh (3)

Those who live according to the Spirit have life and peace (6)

And the Spirit of God dwells in all Christians (9)

The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Christ (9)

If Christ is in you your physical body is dead, you are alive because of righteousness (10)

If God's Spirit dwells in you, then your body will be raised from the dead, because the same Spirit raised Jesus (11)

The Spirit makes you alive! (13)

(v1) "In Christ Jesus"

- Incorporation into Christ
 - (similar teaching to 5:12-21)

(v4) "Who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit"

- 8:4-11 is the contrast between the Spirit and the flesh / sarx
- God's Spirit...and:
- The human propensity to sin and evil
 - God's Spirit wins, and this same Spirit will ultimately raise and transform our bodies (8:11)

(v6) "The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace"

- Not subjective "peace of mind"
- The objective state of peace
 - *Shalom*

(v9) "You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature
but by the Spirit"

- two-aged salvation-historical
- **To be in the flesh** = to belong to the realm of sinful-depraved humanity
- **To be in the Spirit** = to belong to the realm of God's Holy Spirit

2. 8:14-17 The Spirit of Adoption

- **The Spirit and Adoption**
 - If you're led by the Spirit then you're a son of God (14)
 - you have the spirit of adoption (15)
 - Children / Abba Father! (16)
 - Heirs of God with Christ (17)
 - As long as we suffer with Christ (17)

(v14) "Sons of God"

- OT "son of God" = Israel
 - Cf. Hosea 11:1; Deut 14:1; Is 43:6 (sons)

(v15) "The Spirit of sonship"

- Sonship = adoption
- legal = all the legal rights and privileges

wealthy man/son

- 1. Had his debts & legal obligations paid
- 2. He got a new name and was instantly heir of all the father had
- 3. His new father became instantly liable for all his actions (debts, crimes, etc)
- 4. The new son had new obligations (to honor and please his father)

For Paul, this blessing of "sonship"
has now been transferred to all
kinds of people



**If we're sinking why are we
hundreds of feet up in the air?**

Republicans on climate change

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"Horrified by the excess of radical environmentalists, who often deny the special nature of human beings as created in the image of God, many Christians have taken a strong anti-environmental position. It is true that the NT says little about the world of nature (it mainly focuses on redemption). But passages like Romans 8 remind us that God has a concern for the world of nature itself. He created it, and he plans to redeem it one day. The environment, therefore, has value in itself, and Christians need to practice good stewardship of that environment. We are called under God to resist the materialism that makes our own comfort the standard by which we make decisions and to give God's creation the protection it deserves." -Moo

Gen 2:15

- The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it
 - Work: serve, performs acts of worship
 - Nu 3:7-8 the priests shall guard over the tabernacle

Gen 2:15

- Keep: watch, preserve
 - Ex 23:15 (Keep the Festivals)
 - Dt 5:12 (Keep the Sabbath)
 - Dt 29:9 (Keep the Covenant)

The Gardener

- **Adam** was the first gardener
- **Jesus** is the second Adam / gardener
- John 19:41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.
- John 20:14-15 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Predestination

- **Arminian/Catholic:** God sees the choices people make - this is the basis for his predestination
- **Open Theist:** God's foreknowledge is "open"

Predestination

- **Reformed view (Calvin/Luther)**
 - Predestination = God chooses before, not based on anything known about people

"In *The Freedom of the Will*, Jonathan Edwards defines biblical freedom. Man is free, he says, to choose according to his disposition. Human beings always choose according to their strongest desire, and so we make free choices. We do what we want to do... Apart from Christ, we are dead in sin (Eph. 2:1) and wholly disposed to hate God. We only want darkness, and so we freely choose to reject Him. We freely choose to love and to serve Jesus only if the Spirit changes our hearts (John 3:1–8). Otherwise we remain lost." RC Sproul

Predestined

- Predestined: decide upon beforehand, predetermine
- Cf. Rom 8:29, 30; Acts 4:28; 1 Cor 2:7; Eph 1:5, 11

- 8:28 Those who love God
 - all things work together for good
- for those who are **called** (kaleo = being invited)
 - according to his purpose
- For those whom he **foreknew** (choose beforehand)
 - he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (decide upon beforehand)
 - in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers
- And those whom he **predestined**
- he also called and those whom he **called**
- he also justified and those whom he **justified** (to render a favorable verdict, vindicate)
- he also **glorified** (to cause to have splendid greatness, clothe in splendor, glorify, of the glory that comes in the next life)

Predestined

- Called, foreknew, predestined, justified, glorified

8:31-39

- Why can't anything come between God and His people? Because God secures His people!
 - If God is for us, who can be against us? (31)
 - No one can bring legal charges against his people (33)
 - God justifies his people (gives them a legal righteousness) (33)
 - Christ died (and was raised), and now sits at God's right hand of power, taking care of the wrath God had for us (34)
 - And so NO ONE can separate us from Christ's love (35)
 - Not the worst catastrophe imaginable (35)
 - We have conquered, not by our own doing, but by Christ's (37)
 - Therefore, nothing can separate us from God (39)