

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 8:1-8

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## “The Declaration of Dependence” – Part 4

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Grace, Faith, Works, Paul, Law, The Spiritual vs. The Carnal, Wrath, Glory.**

## The Christian’s Declaration Of Dependence Starts Like This..

Romans 8:1-8

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, (who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.) 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

## The Christian’s Declaration Of Dependence

1.) There is Therefore Now - Absolute Freedom!

vs. 1a

Romans 8:1a

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,

Therefore You Are Now Free...

1a.) From the weight of condemnation

vs. 1a

1b.) From your guilt being uncovered vs. 1a

1c.) From the moment conviction takes hold vs. 1a

1d.) From the grief caused by personal sin vs. 1a

1e.) From the burdens that lead to suffering vs. 1a

1f.) From the sorrow that can consume you vs. 1a

1g.) From the blinding power of worry vs. 1a

1h.) And from the suicidal fear of hopelessness vs. 1a

### **The Christian's Declaration Of Dependence**

2.) There is Therefore Now - Sins Condemnation vs. 2-3

Therefore You Are Now Free...

2a.) There is A New Law in Effect vs. 2a

2b.) There is A New Power in place vs. 2b

2c.) There is A New Order of Design vs. 3

### **The Christian's Declaration Of Dependence**

3.) There is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union vs. 4-5

:4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled IN us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

This "Union" draws from the fact found in Verse 2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me FREE from the law of sin and death.

The Proof of this "Perfect Union" Is...  
Christ IN you – This is Our Guaranteed Union with God!

# The Declaration Of Dependence

## There Is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union

3a.) Perfectly United with the Will of God

vs. 4a

Verse 4a

4a that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled IN us

### The Centrality of the Holy Spirit is Stressed.

From Romans Chapter 1 to Romans Chapter 7 the Holy Spirit is mentioned 5 times. But here in Romans Chapter 8 - the Holy Spirit is mentioned 21 times!

“As far as our spiritual life is concerned, God takes no consideration of anyone’s gender, age, education, talent, class, ethnicity, or any other human distinction. He differentiates people solely on the basis of their personal relationship to Him through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.”

And it is this “by the Holy Spirit” that all things happen in our lives as we grow along with the LORD.

the righteous requirement of the law

**IS {being} fulfilled IN us**

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, (by the work of the holy spirit) seek those things which are above, (by the work of the holy spirit) where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, (by the work of the holy spirit) not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (by the work of the holy spirit)

Verse 4b

who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

# The Declaration Of Dependence

## There Is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union

3b) Perfectly United through the Love of Christ

vs. 4b

4b {WE} who do not walk according to the flesh but <sub>[walk]</sub> according to the Spirit.

This “Who do not walk according to the flesh.”

This is not a QUALIFIER but an INDICATOR.

It’s not an EXAMINATION but a REVELATION.

**Walk**

grk: peripateo

your new behavior or your new manner of life, your new conduct, the new life you lead. The new way that you walk speaks volumes.

**“I can tell that it’s him by the way he walks”**

You can say all you want about what you claim to believe, but until God’s truth has created a New You – your “walk” will always give you away. Your walk will always announce your coming and your walk will always leave its mark.

## **The Declaration Of Dependence**

There Is Therefore Now – A Perfect Union

3c.) Perfectly United by the Power of the Spirit

vs. 5

Verse 5a

5 For those who LIVE according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

There are 2 key words here for us to know.

**According**

grk: kata

to go along with, to be on the way with as if to be holding the hand of another, to be underway or enroute.

**Set**

grk: phroneo

to have an understanding of, to think about or to ponder, to adopt a view or to develop a worldview or position. one’s own personal belief system or schematic for life. “this is my rule or my truth, to be true to yourself, to be sincere.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Meaning: their minds - their way of thinking is always ending up at the same destination, conclusion or terminus, “what is it that I want? What will please me?” in a word, “what’s in it for me?”

Philippians 3:19 nlt

These are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetites, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth.

The YOLO crowd

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

- A. W. Tozer  
The Knowledge of the Holy

We've been given (deposited within) the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:4-5

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

## Learning by Contrast

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

So then - what does it mean to LIVE ACCORDING TO THE FLESH? And what does that look like?  
Well, we do not have to look very far.

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Romans 1:28-29 NLT

Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. 29 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.

Matthew 7:20

Therefore by their fruits (lifestyle or style of living) you will know them.

## Examples of living after the flesh in these days?

It's not only doing that which offends Almighty God – it is also what you allow. What do you tolerate and willfully ignore just to keep the “so called peace”?

1. As Christians – do we allow violence? (NO)

Then why are we silent as our children are being violated and mutilated.

2. As Christians – do we allow lying? (NO)

Then why do we allow lies to be told to us and others by politicians in halls of power.

3. As Christians – do we approve of injustice? (NO)

Then why do we allow unjust judges to run wild in our courtrooms without impeaching them from off the bench.

4. As Christians – do we allow hate? (NO)

Then why do we allow CRT & Marxism / Socialism to be spread in our classrooms and universities by funding their schools – (\$STOP \$ENDING YOUR CHILD TO PUBLIC INDOCTRINATION CAMPS\$).

So then - to live or to exist according to the flesh is to think and to be and live bound to the appetites of this world, flesh and all.

## Those who are of this world think like this...

Romans 1:28-32 (PJV – pastor jack's version)

There are those who say “We do not want to have anything about God in our lives”, So then God gave them what they really wanted – He gave them over to their own way of thinking. He gave them a mind that is void of thoughts of God, so they could do those things which they wanted - things that are offensive to God. 29 So they became the very thing that they desired – filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing all along in the back of their minds that the righteous judgment of God will come upon them, make fun of it. They continue on even worse by infecting those who practice such things knowing full well that they are deserving death and hell for their actions - - also support those who do the same kind of things or worse by defending those who practice the very things that God says He hates.

John 3:20

For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

**>>>>> of all of this world's anxieties <<<<<<  
every one of them is rooted in the rejection of God.**

John 15:23

He who hates Me hates My Father also.

James 3:14-16

But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

James 4:1

Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure?

3c.) Perfectly United by the Power of the Spirit

vs. 5

Verse 5b

but those who LIVE according to the Spirit,  
set their minds on (are set on, tied to, anchored) the things of the Spirit.

### The Mind {SET} as a Follower of Christ

Meaning that - we the followers of Jesus Christ have stopped with the religious attempts to better ourselves. We have given up on reforming ourselves – we have received the grace of God.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed {SET} on You,  
because he trusts in You.

Ephesians 2:4-6,8-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus... 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

A life That is Literally Under The  
control, authority, supervision, direction, and guidance of another =  
Parental Love + Kingly Lordship = The Forever Family!

## But what are the “things” of the Spirit?

Things like the power of the Holy Spirit. - Things like the  
work of the Holy Spirit. - Things like the fruit of the Holy  
Spirit. - Things like the will of the Holy Spirit.

To Really Live is to Walk in the Life of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no  
law. 24 *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions  
and desires.* 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

## A personal note here

This is a personal conviction of mine, an observation,  
a belief that I have concerning the coming days, weeks and months that are  
ahead of us – the times we are sailing into are troubled waters (yet known  
to God – thus we fear not)

## I Hope You're Listening - Cuz Listen To This,

John 5:24

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has  
everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 10:28a

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those  
who believe in His name:

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may  
know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son  
of God.

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:22

It is God who also has sealed us and given us the Holy Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 4:30

Do not grieve (rather cooperate) the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The Hour of Decision has Come Upon You Today –  
to exercise your freedom of choice about Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 NLT

As God's co-laborers, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. 2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

*End of Study*

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