

## **THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN LIFE!** Romans 8:1-28 (NKJV used in outline)

Prior to ROMANS 8,

1. Romans 1:18-3:20- the foundational news of man's utter \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Romans 3:24-26- God found a way to be \_\_\_\_\_ and the justifier of those who believe in Jesus!
3. Romans 5:12ff- God has declared us righteous, \_\_\_\_\_ the righteousness Christ has given us.
4. Romans 6- THROUGH JESUS CHRIST we have died to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ no longer has dominion over us!

**THUS, Romans 8 begins with \_\_\_\_\_ condemnation and ends with \_\_\_\_\_ separation...** This is the normal Christian Life: \_\_\_\_\_ in CHRIST; empowered \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Spirit!

**Romans 8:1- *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are IN Christ Jesus,..."***

Eph. 1:3-14

If you are not IN Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ condemned already: 1. John 3:36  
2. Eph. 2:1-3

**Romans 8:1b & 8:4- *"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."*** Romans 6:14; 18-23

**Romans 8:2-4- *"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 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, 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."***

**Romans 8:4- *"That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled IN us."*** Romans 8:4b- *"In us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit"*

**Romans 8:5-8-** *“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. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God;** for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”*

**Romans 8:9-** *“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”*

How do I know that I have the Spirit? **OR:** How can I know if the Holy Spirit HAS ME? 1. Has the Spirit led you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus? 2. Has the Spirit put in you the desire to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus? 3. Is the Spirit leading you to be more \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus?

**Romans 8:12-13-** *“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors; not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”*

**Romans 8:14-15-** *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father’.”*

LET’S BE CLEAR: These versed are \_\_\_\_\_ saying that being led by the Spirit is a pre-condition to being a child of God. Instead, they reveal that those who have become children of God \_\_\_\_\_ led by the Holy Spirit.

**How does the Holy Spirit lead real disciples of Jesus?**

1. John 6:63 / 2. John 14:17; 26, 27 / 3. John 15:26 / 4. John 16:13-14

**Where does the Holy Spirit lead us?** 1. He leads us to *repentance*. 2. He leads us to think *little of self* and *much of Jesus*. 3. He leads us into *truth*. 4. He leads us into *love*. 5. He leads us into *holiness*. 6. He leads us into *usefulness*.

**Adoption:** F.F. Bruce: "In the Roman world of the first century AD an adopted son was a son deliberately chosen by his adoptive father to perpetuate his name and inherit his estate; he was no whit inferior in status to a son born in the ordinary course of nature." Under Roman

adoption, the life and standing of the adopted child changed completely. The adopted son lost all rights in his old family and gained all new rights in his new family; the old life of the adopted son was completely wiped out, with all debts being canceled, with nothing from his past counting against him anymore.

**Romans 8:16- “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God;”** John 10:27-28

**Romans 8:17- “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.”**

Because we are *in Christ*, we are also called to share in His \_\_\_\_\_.  
1. Phil. 1:29 2. Matthew 10:16-39

**Romans 8:18- “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”** "The glory will be *revealed*, not created. The implication is that it is already existent, but not apparent." (Leon Morris)

**Romans 8:19-22-** “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”

**Isaiah 11:6-9 describes this redemption of creation in that day!**

“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Note: The promised glorious liberty of the children of God benefits not only the children of God themselves, but also all of creation. **"Creation is not undergoing death pangs . . . but birth pangs!" (Leon Morris)**

**Romans 8:23-25-** “Not only *that*, but we also who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.” **The hope of Resurrection:** “when *this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*” (1 Corinthians 15:53)

**The grand usefulness now:** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.”

**Romans 8:26-27-** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

**Romans 8:28-** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His purpose*.

God is able to even make those sufferings work together for our good and His good. God is able to work *all* things, not some things.

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### **AM I IN CHRIST?**

**Am I living the NORMAL Christian life?**

**What areas were ‘sub-normal’ this past week?**