

The Spirit Gives Assurance

Romans 8

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The Spirit Gives Assurance in Romans 8

I. At the end—The Spirit assures us that God works out *all things*—And *all these things*

Rom 8:28 And we know that **all things** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to **these things**? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us **all things**?

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

Rom 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Rom 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Rom 8:37 Nay, in **all these things** we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor **things** present, nor **things** to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. Chapter 8 begins with assurance to those who feel condemnation after Chapter 7

A. Being *in Christ* is your *no condemnation*—Walking after the Spirit is your assurance

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**.

1. In Romans 7—Paul had stated that he felt a great sense of self-condemnation

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

2. Yet, Paul knew that there is no eternal condemnation for anyone who is *in Christ*

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ** shall all be made alive.

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus**...

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us **in him** before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:7 **In whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

Eph 1:11 **In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

3. Walking after the Spirit is not the cause of *no condemnation*—Jesus did that

Walking after the Spirit is your evidence (assurance) that you are *in Christ Jesus*

In order to walk after the Spirit—You must first have the Spirit in you

If the Spirit is now in you—Then you have already been born again

If the Spirit is in you and you have been born again—You are one who is *in Christ*

God has a place in heaven for each and every one He initially placed *in Christ*

B. God's law (principle) of life in Christ Jesus frees us from the law of sin and death

Rom 8:2 For the law of the **Spirit** of life **in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

God's law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is God's eternal decree of eternal life

This law (decree or principle) precedes and supersedes the law of sin and death

This law or decree was before the curse in the garden—Or the Law of Sinai

This law (decree) of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus equates to our eternal life

C. Jesus accomplished for us what the law could not accomplish (further assurance)

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

The law could never take away sin—The weakness was in man to keep the law
Yet God sent His Son as a man—And condemned sin in the flesh of His Son
Christ fulfilled the righteousness of the law—And imputed His righteousness to us

D. As no condemnation *in Christ*—So we are made the righteousness of God in him

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God **in him**.

Walking after the Spirit is not the cause of the *no condemnation* or the righteousness
Walking after the Spirit is the evidence that you are *in Christ*
Your following the Spirit is your assurance that you are in Him—(And He in you)

II. Paul's further development of how we can have assurance of our salvation

A. The character and consequences of those with the Spirit—And those without

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B. Differences in a man *'if'* Christ and the Holy Spirit dwell in him—Or *'if'* not

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1. You can know that you have the Spirit—If you have the fruit of the Spirit

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance

a. Anyone who exercises God's trait of love—*Is born of God*

1Jn 4:7 ...for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God...

b. Anyone who practices God's character of goodness—*Is born of God*

1Jn 2:29 ...every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

c. Anyone who possesses God's gift of faith—*Is born of God*

1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...

2. 'If' the Spirit dwells in you—It is not because of you—It is all because of Him

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

a. If you have come to Christ—You had to have life to come—So, you are not dead

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

b. As a matter of Bible truth—If you have life—You should come—Right now

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

c. As a matter of Bible truth—If you have life—You shall come—In the end

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me...

C. If the Spirit has made you different—Even forever different—Then live different now

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D. If the Spirit leads you and witnesses to you—Then you must have the Spirit in you

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V. 'A suffering me'—Still stuck in 'now'—Yet yearning for 'eternity'

A. If children—Then heirs—The hope and incomparable scope of our inheritance

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B. A groaning for when the hope of resurrection becomes reality

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C. The hope for tomorrow—The help for today

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