**Romans Series May 14, 2023**

**No Condemnation for Those Who Believe in Christ Jesus - Romans 8:1-11**

1. Christians do not Need to Live **in Fear of God’s Judgment**(Romans 8:1-2)

* No condemnation (a decision not to punish for wrongdoing)
  + This means that God will not judge or punish all who trust in Jesus Christ for their sins
  + Christ bore the punishment on the cross
  + See John 8:1-11 for an example of this
* “in Christ Jesus”
  + Those who have experienced, by faith through grace, the salvation of the Lord
  + Believers experience in daily life the relief of forgiveness of selfish acts (Romans 7:14-25)
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  + Holy Spirit -> eternal life (John 3:1-8)
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2. Christians are Free **Because of Christ’s Substitutionary Death**, Enabling believers to Live by the SpiritRomans 8:3-4

* The Law cannot make a person have right standing before God
* The power of sin is broken because God the Son became man and became the “offering for sin,” giving His body and blood in the place of mankind
* The Law demands payment for sin
  + Through Christ’s sacrifice, the “requirements of the law” were fulfilled in those who believe
* This enables believers to live their lives guided by the Holy Spirit, denying the passions of the flesh

What does it mean to “walk according to the Spirit”

or to “walk in the Spirit?”

* + It is a **habitual conduct** whereby believers yield control of their lives so that the choices they make are God-led on a consistent basis over their whole lives (See Galatians 5:16-23)

3. Christians are **Controlled by the Spirit**,   
Denying the Desires of the Flesh Romans 8:5-8

* The mind set on the sinful desires, passions, pleasures, and inclinations of the flesh results in death
  + These people are “hostile to God,” as they live in open rebellion against Him
  + They are totally depraved and unable to earn any merit or favor with God
  + They do anything they can to find some false sense of peace
* The mind governed by the Spirit brings life and true peace
  + The contentment of being in a right relationship with God, having a clear conscience with Him, and a meaningful purpose to living

4. The Indwelling Holy Spirit is an **Evidence of Those Who are Truly in Christ**(Romans 8:9-11)

* When a person repents of sin and believes in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit indwells that person
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