

The background of the slide is a photograph of the interior of the Colosseum in Rome, taken at night. The arena is illuminated from below, highlighting the arches and the tiered seating areas. The top of the image shows the upper levels of the amphitheater, which are mostly dark, with some light reflecting off the stone surfaces.

The Epistle to the

Romans

Empowering of the
Holy Spirit

Chapter 8

Review

Chapter

- 1 Intro and background; Pagan Man
- 2 Moral Man; Religious Man
- 3 God's Greatest Problem
- 4 God's Greatest Gift (G R A C E)
- 5 The Sequence to Maturity
- 6 Sin "Ain't gonna reign no more"
- 7 Law School
- 8 The high-water mark in Romans

The Challenge of Romans 7

Paul cried out for outside help:

“O wretched man that I am!
Who shall deliver me from
the body of this death?”

Rom 7:24

Who is going to enable me to live for God?

The Work of the Trinity

God the Father
in creation

Rom. 1:1–3:20

God the Son
in salvation

Rom. 3:21–7:25

God the Holy Spirit
in sanctification

Rom. 8:1–39

Contrasts

- **Chapter 5:** The *saving* work of Jesus Christ;
- **Chapter 8:** What Christ did to *provide Victory* in each of our lives.

- **Chapter 5:** Justification by faith is forever;
- **Chapter 8:** A godly life is insured through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Chapter 5:** Performance based on understanding God's love for us
- **Chapter 8:** Performance based on power of the Holy Spirit

Contrasts

- **Chapter 5:** Reveals our relationship to God;
- **Chapter 8:** Reveals our relationship to the world, conflict, the flesh, and tribulation
- **Chapter 5:** Holy Spirit is mentioned only once **v.5**
- **Chapter 8:** Power available through Holy Spirit is developed in fullness to give us assured victory
- **Chapter 5:** Capstone on our *salvation* in Christ
- **Chapter 8:** Capstone on our *victory* in Christ

Romans 8

- First 4 verses are a continuation from
Chapter 7
 - These opening verses are a summing up of the truths unfolded from 5:12 through 7:25
- The chapter divisions are not “inspired”
 - (They were devised by Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury in the early 13th century.)

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

Romans 8:1

- ““Now” in the sense of logic
 - Summarizing and concluding the argument of what has gone before
- ***This is one of the greatest assurances a Christian can receive:***
 - No condemnation from any source, for any reason, at any time John 3:18
 - No qualifying clause; it does *not* depend upon our walk!
 - It is not how I feel, but it is what God says...

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

Romans 8:1

- “Who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
 - Was added sometime after 3rd or 4th century
 - Not in any of the original reliable texts
 - All the oldest manuscripts agree
 - First appears around the 6th century;
 - Added by either scribal error, or misguided attempt at smoothing the transition to **v.2**
 - If left in this verse, to be understood as cause and not conditional!
 - Actually, part of the text of verse 4

Exposition

- Chapter 8 opens:
no possibility of condemnation.
- Chapter 8 closes:
no possibility of separation!

Exposition

- How does one become “in” Christ?
 - By the baptism of the Holy Spirit Rom 6:3-4,
1 Cor 12:13
 - We are in an *inseparable organic union* with Him!
 - The safest place in the entire universe is on that Cross!
 - That was validated by emptying a tomb. And that’s where we all need to be.

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

Romans 8:2

- Summarizes **Romans 7** **Cf. 7:23**
- While the law of sin and death will be with us as long as we are in this body;
 - It doesn't necessarily have dominion.
 - We have a choice.*
- "The law of the Spirit of life":
 - "The law [principle] of the *Life-giving Spirit*."
- Abiding in Him: *organic union* **John 15:1-5**

Organic Union

- Menorah: six + 1 = 7



The Lampstand

- Only Design given (No Dimensions)
- Made of Pure Gold
- Made from “one talent of Gold”
- Talent = 75-120 pounds in weight
- The National symbol of Israel

The Lampstand

- The Light comes from the Oil
 - symbol of the Holy Spirit
- The Lampstand is a vessel to “hold up the Light” in the darkness
- Rev 1:20 – the Church

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: **Romans 8:3**

Summary of **Chapters 6 and 7.**

- The flesh (our selves) will always fail.
- Christ died, not only for my sins, but for the sinner, that is, my sin nature **Rom 6**
- “In the likeness of sinful flesh.”
 - He *was* truly human, yet without sin: the perfect man.
 - The virgin birth, as prophesied in **Gen 3:15, Isa 7:14**

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:4

- “**That**” = purpose clause. All that has been said now converges to this fact:
 - **Righteousness of the law might be fulfilled *in*** [not by] **us**,
 - **Who walk according to the Spirit and not according to flesh.** [that is, not trying by own efforts].
- A statement of fact, not an imperative.
 - (Yet **Gal 5:16** is an imperative.)

Indwelling of Holy Spirit

- **Verses 5 - 27** develops a wide range of truth regarding the *indwelling of the Holy Spirit*.
- **Verses 5-7** emphasize the impossibility of living by any system of resources *other* than the Holy Spirit:
 - “Positive Thinking;”
 - “Positive Confession;” et al.
 - “Trying Harder.”
 - Unless the Lord build’s the house!

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **Romans 8:5**

- “Flesh” = human resources.
- The contrast is between two *believers*:
 - Impossibility of trying to live for God by human effort, vs.
 - Those that are truly walking by the Spirit.
- Which is controlling you?
 - The “human” viewpoint [your capability] or
 - God’s viewpoint [His ability through you]?
- Sincerity is not the issue; the basis is.
 - Is your mind on the things of the Spirit or on the things of the world?

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

- The Greek is more blunt:
 - “For the mind of [under the domination of] the flesh,
= “death”.
 - The mind [under the domination of] the Spirit,
= “life and peace”
 - These are both *believers*:
 - “death” = out of fellowship; separated.



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