

The Greatest Letter Ever
The Ultimate in Christian Living
Romans 8

Introduction: The Ultimate Lifestyle

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus... (Romans 8:1)

- Key Phrase: “In Christ Jesus”

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

The Kind of Life The Spirit Makes Possible

1st Benefit: We live without condemnation (vv. 1-4)

- Clarifying Statement: God isn’t angry with me anymore!

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:17)

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” (John 5:24)

2nd Benefit: We live without domination (vv. 5-17)

- Clarifying Statement: Sin cannot control my life anymore

Two mindsets: The one before Christ and the one in Christ

Two outcomes: Death & Chaos vs. Life & Peace

Note: When you belong to Jesus, you have the Holy Spirit. Growing in Jesus is never about getting more of the Spirit. It is about the Spirit getting more of you.

3rd Benefit: We live without desperation (vv. 18-27)

- Clarifying Statement: There is always hope

1. We have hope even in our suffering (v. 18)

2. We have hope because of a future resurrection (v. 23)
3. We have hope because the Holy Spirit assists us in prayer (v. 28)

Note: Three types of groaning—Creation groans (v. 18-22); Believers groan (v. 23); The Holy Spirit groans (v. 26)

4th Benefit: We live without apprehension (vv. 28-30)

- Clarifying statement: God never makes a mistake

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone. (Ephesians 1:11-12 MSG)

There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. (Philippians 1:6 MSG)

5th Benefit: We live without intimidation (vv. 31, 33-34, 37)

- Clarifying Statement: One plus God equals a majority
1. God can handle it (v. 31)
 2. God justifies (v. 33)
 3. Jesus intercedes for us (v. 34)
 4. We are super conquerors (v. 37)

6th Benefit: We live without limitation (v. 32)

- Clarifying Statement: God provides for all my needs

7th Benefit: We live without fear of separation (vv. 35-39)

- Clarifying Statement: Nothing can ever separate me from God's love—absolutely nothing!

Conclusion: Consider The Benefits

This is an incredible offer. Who wouldn't want this? What keeps people from accepting it? The biggest reason people don't accept this offer is because they have never been told about it. It's an offer that changes everything about life.