

THE SECURITY OF YOUR SALVATION (PT 1)

Romans 8:1-11

Introduction: The merry-go-round of doubting salvation

I. You Have Been Freed from the Law and Its Condemning Power (v.1-4)

- A. For Sinners, the Law Only Leads to Condemnation
 - o Paul calls it “the law of sin and death” (v.2)
 - o “God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do” (v.3)
 - “flesh” = sinful nature within us
 - o The law leads to sin and death not because there is something wrong with it, but there is something wrong with us!
- B. But Christ Has Solved the Problem of the Law’s Condemning Power
 - o Christ was sent by the Father: “For God has done what the law...could not do, by sending his own Son.” (v.3)
 - o Christ became human: “in the likeness of sinful flesh” (v.3)
 - o Christ became a sacrifice in our place: “By sending his own Son...for sin” (v.3)
 - The “for sin” is a reference to Christ’s atoning death on the cross
 - Thus, when God “condemned sin” (v.3) it means that God executed his judgment on sin at the cross.
 - o Thus the “righteous requirement” of the law is met (v.4)
 - The law requires that law-breaking be punished
 - This punishment is *fully satisfied* in Christ

II. You Have the Power of the Holy Spirit Dwelling in You (v.5-11)

- A. Those without the Spirit (v.5-8)
 - o They have “a mind that is set on the flesh” (v.7)
 - o They are “hostile to God,” cannot “submit to God’s law” (v.7), and cannot “please God” (v.8)



- o Their end is “death” (v.6)

****key point:** No one like this can save themselves! God must send his Spirit to free us from our hearts of stone (and this is called regeneration)

B. Those with the Spirit (v.9-11)

- o They belong to Christ! (v.9)
- o They “live according to the Spirit and set their mind on things of the Spirit” (v.5)

****** This means those with the Spirit have different *actions* (“live”) and different *affections* (“set their mind”)

****** Notice that a person’s behavior is determined by the presence of the Holy Spirit, not by their own efforts!

- o They are blessed with “life and peace” now (v.6)
- o They are guaranteed a future resurrection (v.11)

