

Romans 8a – The New Principle of Life – Indwelt with the Spirit of Christ





Romans Theme

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." – Rom 1:16-17

Opening Questions

- What does it mean to be indwelt with Jesus?
- What does “no condemnation” actually mean?
- What is “walking in the Spirit?”
- How do we battle sin (the flesh)?

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9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Q: (v1a) What is the “therefore” there for? What does “no condemnation” really mean?

- Paul declares his conclusion (proof) to the preceding chapters here. The Greek word *katakrima* denotes the death penalty
- This does not mean “less death” The Christian is not “improved” in Jesus, we are completely absolved!

Q: (v1b) What does it mean to be “in Christ Jesus”?

- It is to be in a “faith-union” with Him, in a real sense as a part of His body that cannot be detached

Q: (v2) Paul states the reason (for) there is no condemnation. What is it?

- The Spirit has replaced the law

Q: (v2) What law of life?

- A new simple law, the law of faith (Romans 3:27)
- This is the gospel message (Romans 1:16-17)

Q: (v3) Why couldn't the law deliver?

- Because the flesh is weak

Q: (v3-4) How were we delivered then?

- God's Son, Jesus in the likeness of flesh fulfilled the law on our behalf. It is fulfilled “in” us, not by us, big difference

Q: (v4) What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?

- Life's direction and progress is in obedience to the Holy Spirit

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Q: (v5a) What do unbelievers do with their minds?

- They actively “set their minds” towards carnal affections and thoughts and thus drive their will
- They willfully satisfy the cravings of their flesh

Q: (v5b) What do believers set their minds on?

- Affections, thoughts, lives focused on the Spirit

Q: (v6) What is the outcome of these two choices?

- Carnally minded – spiritual death (hell)
- Spiritually minded – spiritual life (heaven) and peace

Q: (v7-8) Why?

- These choices are outward manifestations of who we serve, ourselves or God

Q: (v9) Is it possible to live a habitually sinful life and be saved?

- No. If our drive is not to live in the Spirit of Christ, we are not His
- [Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires](#)

The Crucified-Flesh Life

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace,**
longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 **gentleness, self-control.** Against such there is no law.
24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with
its passions and desires. 25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us*
*also walk in the Spirit. – Galatians 5**

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Q: (v13) How do we kill our carnal deeds?

- Live life by the Spirit
- Actively utilize the power of the Spirit to battle fleshly lusts

Q: (v13-14) What are some beliefs today that are counter to this doctrine?

1. We're made instantly fleshly perfect
2. It's ok to waiver on biblical commands (the times have changed for example)
3. “Let go and let God”
4. That you can “speak it to the air”
5. “Name it and claim it”
6. We can conquer sin on our own (without the power of the Holy Spirit)
7. We will conquer sin in our lifetime

Q: (v14-16) What is a proof that we are saved ?

- We are led by the Spirit of God (not ourselves)

Q: (v15) Is our slave-ship to Christ bondage ?

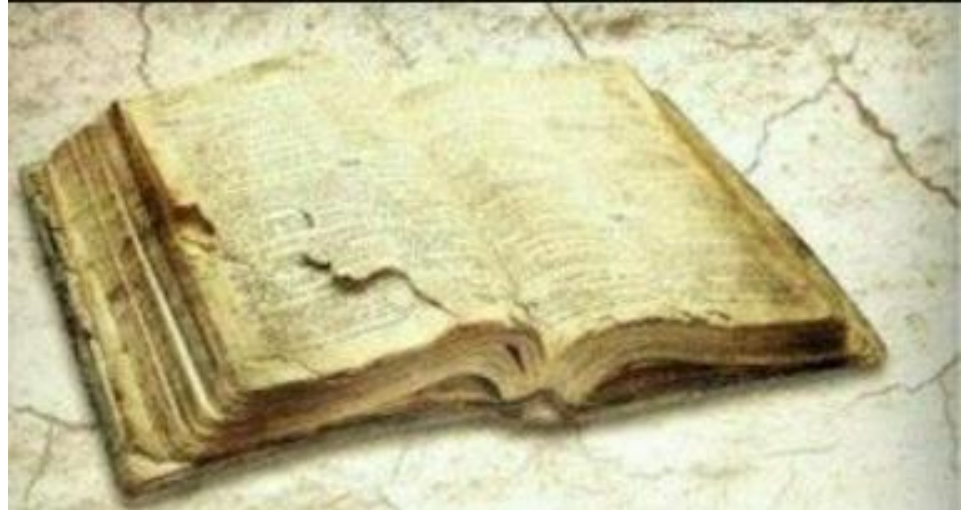
- No, God is our loving Father

Q: (v17) What is one reason we suffer (with Christ)?

- We are His family
- We will be glorified with Him in eternity!

Questions Answered

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The Christian's Riches

1 Corinthians/ 2: Isa 64/65 - Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered the heart of man, The things which God has prepared for those who love Him

John 3:16 - Life that will never end

John 4:14 - A spring of spiritual water that will never dry up

John 6: 37, 39 - A gift that will never be lost

Romans 8: 39 - a love from which he can never be separated

Romans 11: 29 - a calling that will never be revoked

2 Timothy 2: 19 - a foundation that will never be destroyed

1 Peter 1: 4- 5 - An inheritance that will never diminish



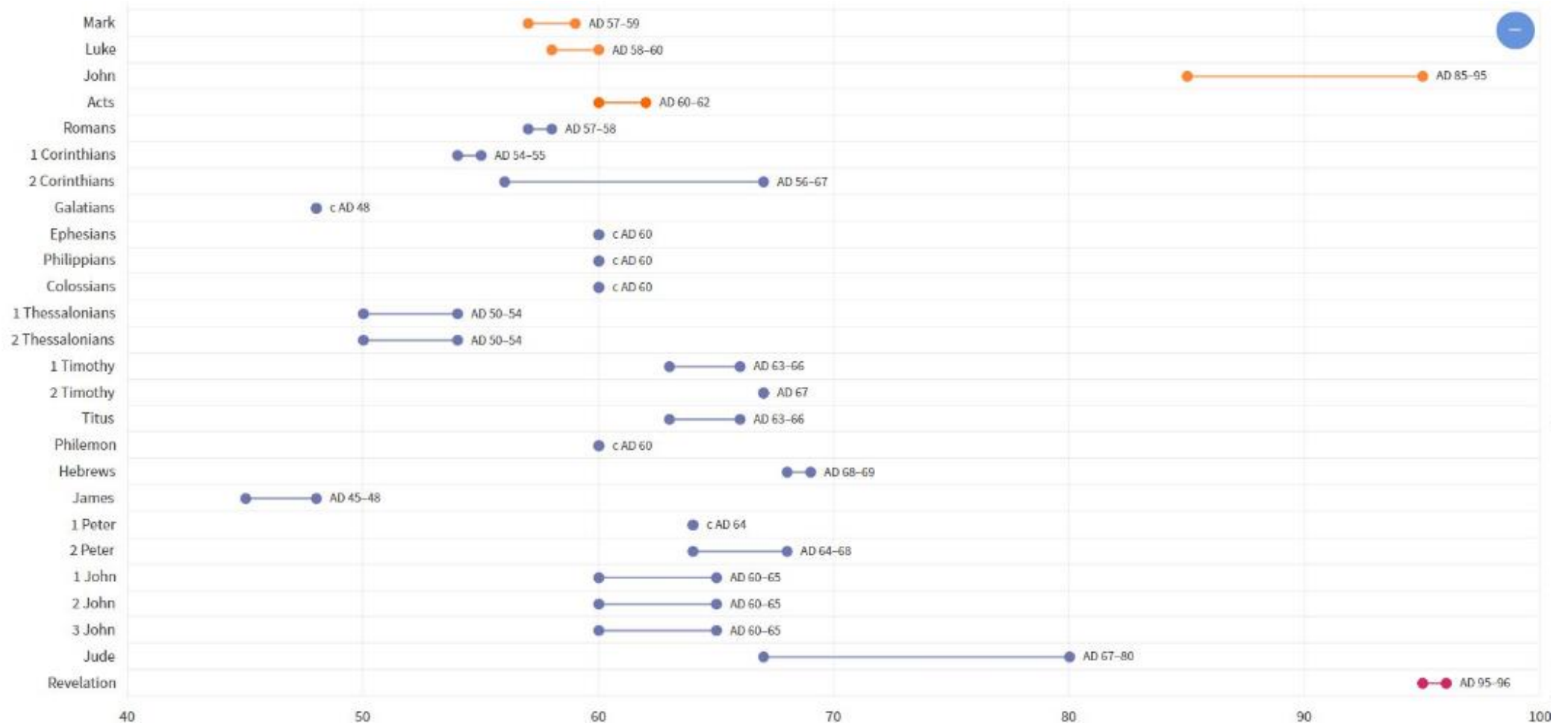
Co-writer – Apostle Paul

- Born as Saul in Tarsus (on the southern coast of modern-day Turkey). Likely borne about the same time as Jesus.
- Schooled as a Pharisee under the Jerusalem religious famous Gamaliel.
- Became a traveling missionary and preacher for the early church; renamed Paul.
- Worked as an artisan who made tents – maybe subcomponents
- Was imprisoned multiple times by the Roman authorities for his religious agitation.
- Believed to have co-written 6 letters to the churches.
- Died sometime between AD 62–64; Paul, believed to be in Rome.



- **AD 33 Damascus – Direct conversion**
- **AD 33-36 Arabia – Receiving direct revelation from the Lord (Gal 1)**
- **3 missionary journeys to Asia minor**
- **AD 56 Wrote Romans on 3rd journey in Corinth**





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- Romans ties to other books of the bible

