"NO CONDEMNATION IN CHRIST JESUS" ROMANS 8:1-4

<u>INTRO:</u> One of the GREAT DOCTRINAL TRUTHS OF CHRISTIANITY IS THAT THE MOMENT WE RECEIVE CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR, WE ARE NO LONGER CONDEMNED UNDER THE WRATH OF GOD TO HELL. This should result in a life of PRAISE AND COMMITMENT TO CHRIST.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE WORD "THEREFORE" IN ROMANS.

- 1) "Therefore" is mentioned 27 times in the Book of Romans.
- 2) "Therefore" begins a sentence 11 times in Romans.
- 3) "Therefore" begins a verse 4 times in Romans: Introducing a GREAT DOCTRINAL TRUTH to be known and applied by each believer.
 - -2:1 No one is without excuse of the knowledge of sin.
 - -5:1 Every believer is "Justified by faith" and have "Peace with God" through Faith in Jesus Christ.
 - -8:1 Every believer is free from "Condemnation" through faith in Christ.
 - -12:1 Every believer is challenged to "Present" himself as a living sacrifice to God.

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I. THE CONCEPT OF "NO CONDEMNATION"

- A. "Condemnation" is a judicial term used to place a sentence on the guilty person. It is the opposite of "Justification."
- B. "Justification" is a judicial term used to "DECLARE" a guilty person "NOT GUILTY" even though they are actually guilty.

NOTE: When we are "justified by faith in Christ" we are no longer "condemned to wrath" in hell. Cp. John 3:17,18,36 ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE CURRENCY OF "NO CONDEMNATION"

- A. Those who are "IN CHRIST JESUS" have no condemnation NOW.
- B. That no condemnation now is the result of:
 - 1. The Work of Christ on the Cross
 - 2. The Faith of the Believer in the Work of Christ on the Cross
- C. That no condemnation now guarantees ETERNAL SECURITY to all believers. Being that we are NOT condemned NOW there is NO WAY we can miss Heaven. Cp. Vss. 33-39 ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE CERTAINTY OF "NO CONDEMNATION"

- A. For those who are "In Christ Jesus"
 - -United with Christ by the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation
 - -1 Corinthians 12:13; Colossians 2:10
- B. For those who "Walk After the Spirit"
 - 1. Not an admonition, but a statement of fact for all true believers.
 - 2. All true believers are INDEWLT by the Holy Spirit who are led by the Holy Spirit throughout life.

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. THE CONSEQUENCE OF "NO CONDEMNATION"

- A. Believers are FREE from the "Law of Sin."
 - -No longer bound to commit sin
- B. Believers are **FREE** from the "Law of Death"
 - -No longer separated from God

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION/LESSON

- 1) Praise God for what you have in Christ
- 2) Serve God for what you have in Christ
- 3) Glorify God for what you have in Christ