

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 8:1a

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Declaration of Dependence”

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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Romans 8:1a

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

It is important for all of us - that I point out to you before we even get started – that I remind you that the original Bible was written upon scrolls. For example, 2,000 years ago if we wanted to study the book of Isaiah, you would have to use “The Scroll of Isaiah”. But to use it would take time because if I were to say, “read me the part that teaches that Israel’s messiah would have to suffer and die for the sins of both Israel and the gentile world” you would be hard pressed to find Isaiah Chapter 53 because “The Scroll of Isaiah” was one long continuous revelation

The Dead Sea Scrolls

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Stephen Langton - Archbishop of Canterbury

The chapter divisions that you and I take for granted today were developed by Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury. Langton put the modern chapter divisions into place in **1227 AD**.

Romans 7:24 flows on right into Romans 8:1a

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus!

The Declaration Of Dependence

1.) There is therefore now - absolute freedom available vs. 1a

Romans 8:1a

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,

In the original Greek New Testament, the qualifier is not found here in Verse 1. 1b “who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” It is found in Verse 4. The King James translators repeated verse 4 at verse 1 thinking that it would help the reader understand the text more accurately.

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There Is Therefore Now Absolute Freedom Available

1a.) From condemnation and its weight vs. 1a

Romans 8:1a

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Before we can take on this chapter, we must first take on this word;
Condemnation. - - What is Condemnation?

Condemnation grk: kata'kri'ma (-)
to be under the sentence of, to be pronounced guilty, to be worthy of all penalties, all judgments, all liens, all warrants or all ordinances against you resulting in condemnation.
(no hope of deliverance)

The Grand Declaration is;

“There is Therefore NOW”

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~~(no hope of deliverance)~~
(all cancelled by the atoning blood of Christ)

Now grk: nun
now in the present tense. the time is now, the present,
actual location - as in at this present time – your position.

Psalm 91:14-16

“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.”

John 8:2-11

Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. 7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

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1b.) From guilt when uncovered

vs. 1a

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When we seek to conceal sin, the result is a compounding
guilt factor of shame and isolation.

Proverbs 28:13-14

He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. 14 Happy is the man who is always reverent, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

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1c.) From conviction after it takes hold

vs. 1a

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Tell me this if you can;

What does condemnation “feel” like compared to what “conviction” feels like.
(They feel the same – but what you do with it makes all the difference in the universe)

John 16:5-11

“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

A Great Example of This Truth;

Acts 9:1-6

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed, he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” 5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

Is It possible that there's a cloud in your soul
from your past or even now? What would you do to erase it?

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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1d.) From sin that grieves us

vs. 1a

Romans 8:1a

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Pentecost When Peter Preached His 1st Sermon

Acts 2:36-39

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

So What Should We Do About This?

Isaiah 45:22 Geneva Bible 1599 ad.

Look unto me, and ye shall be saved: all the ends of the earth shall be saved: for I am God, and there is none other.

Look, Look, Look, Look, Look, Look, Look, Look, Look

You don't even have to have your sight to be able to **look**.

How much does it cost you to **look**?

Can you **look**? Will you **look**?

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1e.) From burdens that lead to suffering

vs. 1a

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What an example this is from Paul and Silas

Acts 16:22-31

Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." 29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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1f.) From sorrow – that consumes

vs. 1a

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Conviction received brings about great joy and freedom.
However, conviction rejected brings about great sorrow and regret.

Matthew 27:3

Now Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Remorseful grk: Metamellomai, meta-mel-lo-ma'hee
to care only afterwards. to regret an outcome, saddened about how things turned out, regret over being caught or found out.

Psalm 32:3-5

When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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1g.) From worry – that blinds us

vs. 1a

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Matthew 6:25-26

"Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

An Encouraging Word

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1h.) From fear - producing hopelessness

vs. 1a

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John 3:18

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

I’m going to ask you today,
right now, to get your life right with God.

Many of you have been living under a heaviness
and a great weight is on your soul.

End of Study

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