

The Gospel Enables Us To Fly

Romans 8:1-17

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Rom.8:1-17

Rom.8 is about certainty/assurance as we:-

- a. Struggle against sin – v.1-17
- b. Face suffering – v.18-39

“To run and work the law commands,
Yet gives us neither feet nor hands;
But better news the Gospel brings,
It bids me fly, and gives me wings.”

John Bunyan

2 wings of the Gospel

- a. Christ – his Cross and resurrection
- b. The Spirit – who applies what Christ achieved

1. Christ has dealt with our sin – v.1-3

- a. We faced judgment – v.2
 - b. The law was powerless to help – v.3
 - c. Christ came to rescue us – v.3
 - He was fully human and sinless
 - He took our sin and death
- NO CONDEMNATION – V.1

2. The Spirit empowers us to keep God's law – v.4-13

The Christian is someone with:-

a. A new life-new desires,ambition,focus-v.6-8

b. The power of the Spirit

- to obey God's law-v.4 Ez.36:26,27; Jer.31:33
- to live with hope – v.10,11
- to deal with sinful desires/habits – v.12,13

Dealing with our sin

a. Need for ruthless determination

- we are under an obligation – v.12
- “put to death” – v.13 cf.Lk.9:23

b. Trust in the Spirit’s help – “by the Spirit”

A vital partnership – Phil.2:12,13

3. The Father loves his children deeply – v.14-17

It is the Spirit who:-

- a. Brings us into God's family – v.14,15 John3:3-8
- b. Assures us of God's love – v.16 Rom.5:5
- c. Points us to glory – v.17
 - heir of God – Rom.4:13
 - co-heir with Christ

4. Realities we can be certain of

a. The Triune God is for us & with us

b. The Power of the Cross – No condemnation

- Have you taken hold of this?
- Is your trust in your work or Christ's work?

c. The Spirit applying Christ's work

- Have you grasped that you are a new person?
- Do you live each day trusting in the Spirit?

d. The Father loves us passionately

- Do you enjoy the security of being a child of God?
- Does the future with Christ excite you?