



THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Salvation by Grace Through Faith

WHAT A TREASURE!

Today we come to one of the most wonderful and richest chapters of the Bible.

Romans 8 is a treasure trove of powerful spiritual truths!

After discovering the ugliness of sin (Rm. 7), we now discover the joy of a life led by the Holy Spirit!



THE BIG QUESTION

Romans 7:24 (ESV)

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this **body of death**?



Who Will **Deliver Me?**

THE GLORIOUS ANSWER

Romans 7:25 (CEV)

²⁵ Thank God! Jesus Christ will rescue me!



GUILT FREE LIVING

Romans 8:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus*, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

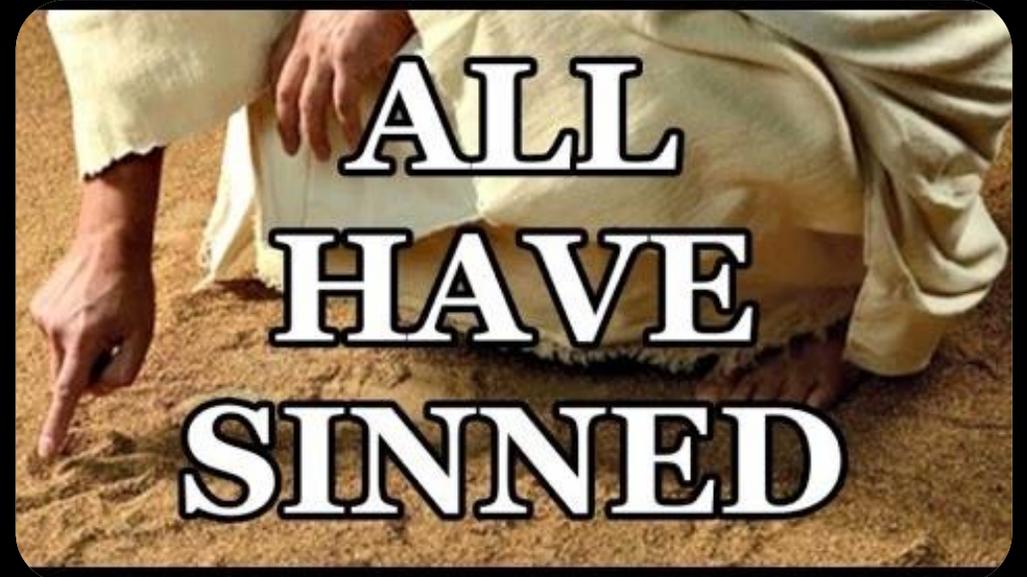


THE PROBLEM OF SIN

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

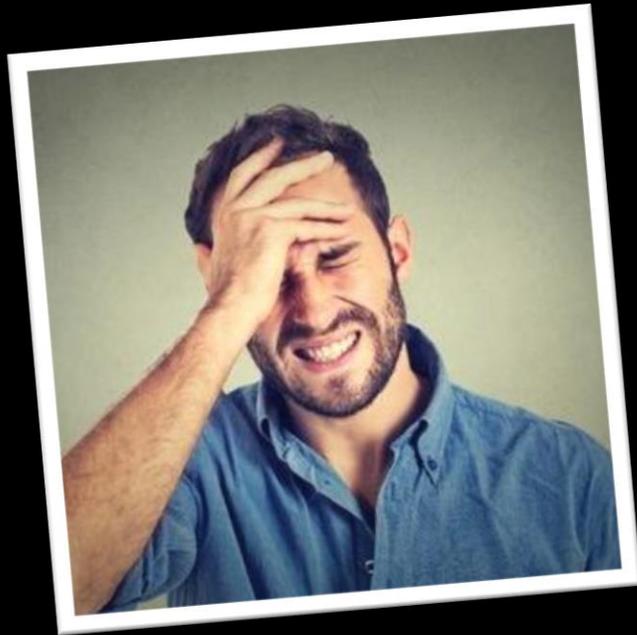
When the crowd brought a sinner to be stoned in front of Jesus, he gently reminded the crowd of this great truth. (John 8:1-11)



SIN BRINGS GUILT

Romans 7:15-19 (ESV)

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁸ ...For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.



*Sin keeps us feeling that
we blew it... again!*

THE CONSCIENCE

Romans 2:15 (ESV)

15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and **their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.**

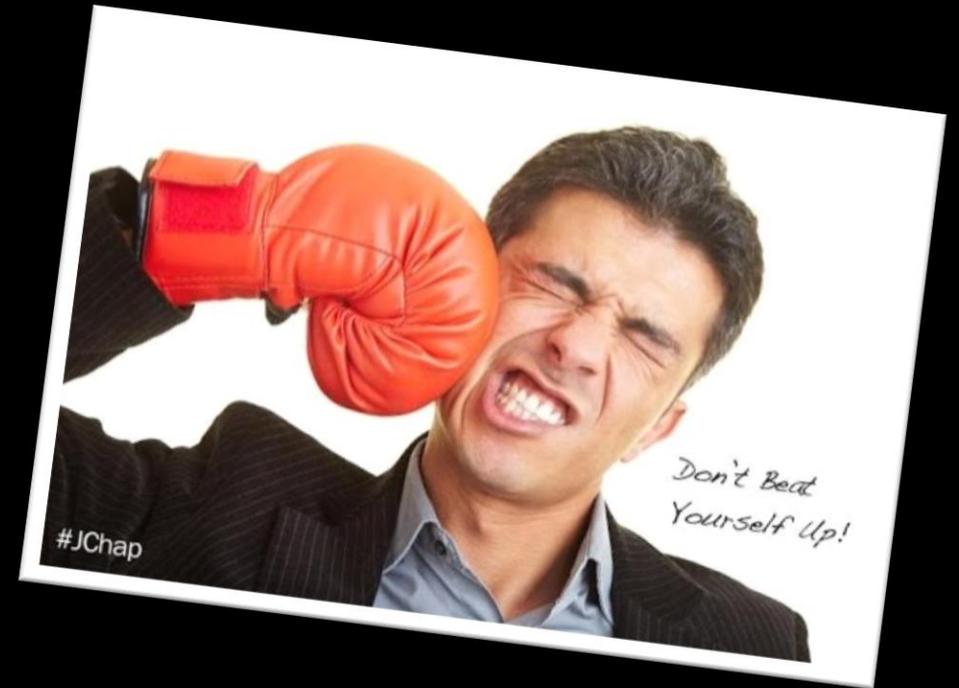
Being created in the image of God, we are moral beings and doing wrong bothers us!



MAN MADE SOLUTION: SELF-LOATHING

When we feel guilty, we can give in to feelings of hating ourselves!

We are trying to feel better by feeling worse about ourselves.



MAN MADE SOLUTION: DISTRACTION

We can try to beat guilt by entertaining ourselves.

If the music is loud enough, and the lights bright enough, maybe I won't think about my guilt.



MAN MADE SOLUTION: NUMB IT!

We can try to beat guilt by silencing our conscience with drugs and alcohol.

“Alcohol is not the answer, but it makes me forget the question.”

Then it wears off, and we feel worse then when we started!



MAN MADE SOLUTION: “EDUCATION”

In an attempt to overcome guilt, we can try to convince ourselves that the guilt is not real.

We are trying to feel better by *thinking* the problem away.



MAN MADE SOLUTION: RELIGION

In an attempt to overcome guilt, a person can try to pay for their sins with self-sacrifice.

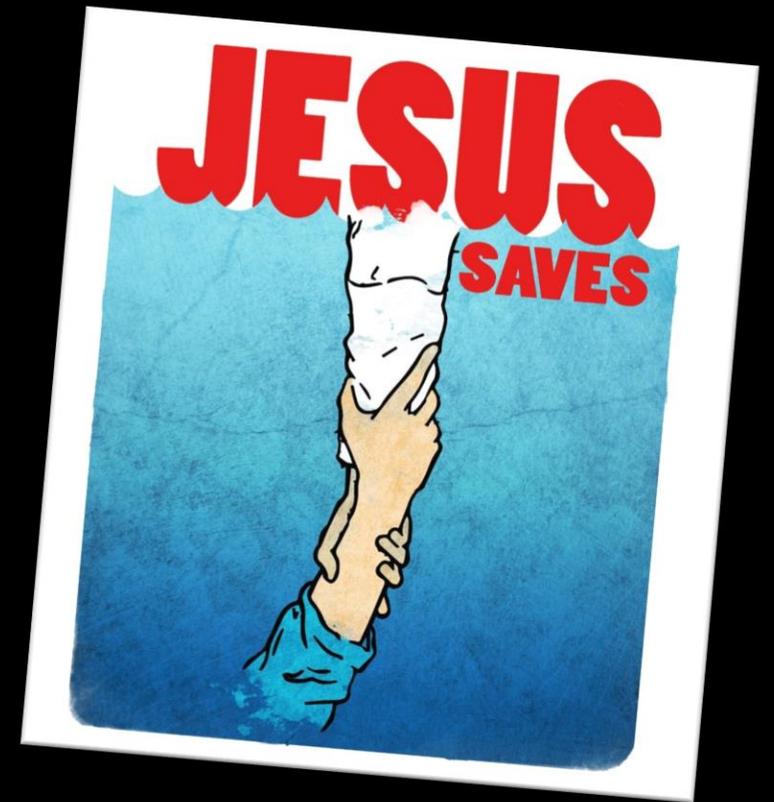
We are trying to feel better by paying for our wrong.



WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN?

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

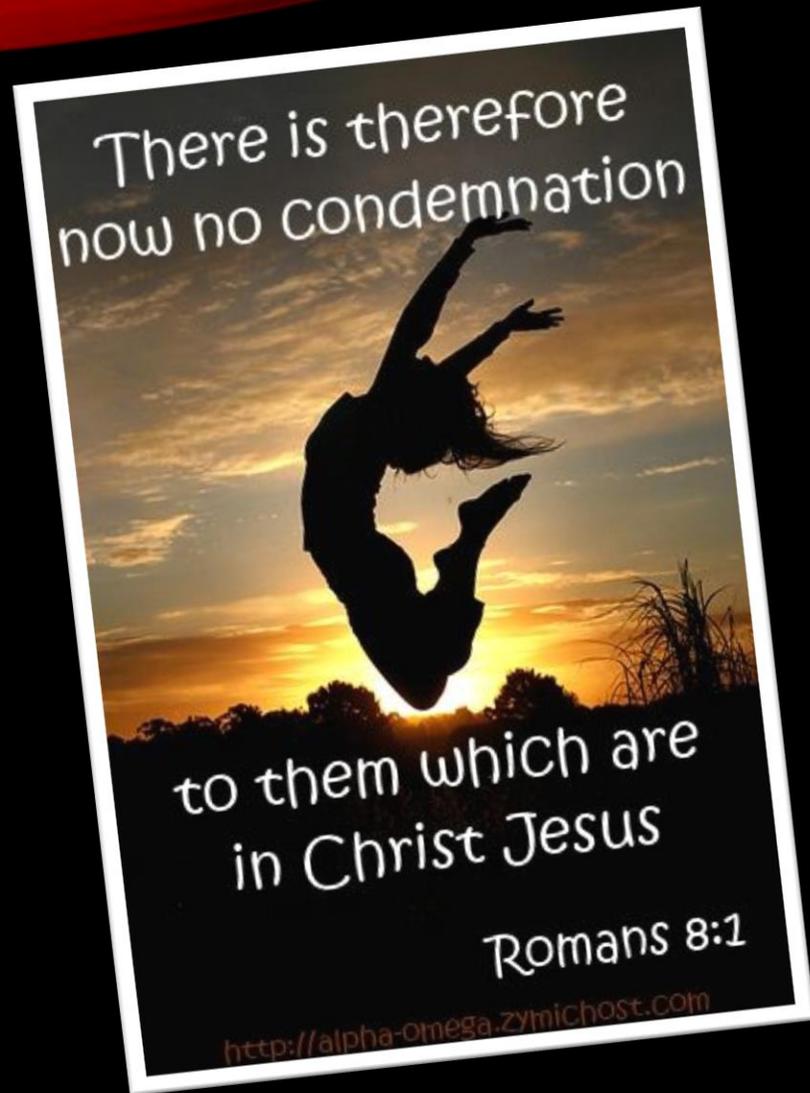
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.



WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

Romans 8:1-2

⁸ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.



RESCUED BY CHRIST!



Would you let Jesus be
your Savior and Lord,
then you will be rescued
from sin and guilt today!