Romans Chapter 8 Nov 19, 2025

Chapter 7. Not Guilty! Let him go! No Condemnation for those that are in Christ! The opening verse of this Chapter says it all. Still, it must be understood within it's rightful context. Never forget; "text without context is pretext."

Verses 1-4; The Law stands. The law is Holy. But who can keep the Law? No human, except Christ. God's Love of mankind prompted His mercy that ushered in His Grace. The Law is a requirement and standard that one either does or defies. The penalty for non-compliance is death. That penalty was paid by one who never violated the Law. If Jesus had sinned, He would have had to pay for His sin by death. But He did not sin yet took death on behalf of all who had broken the Law. (sinned)

Verses 5-11; Those that have been pardoned by Jesus are exempt from the Law. They are given a new law by which to live. The new Law is the Law of God's Love in and through Jesus, the Son of the Living God. In Chapter 6 we discussed 'spiritual slavery' and its effect upon the inner nature of humans. So here Paul reiterates again the fact of those conditions. To be a slave is to be owned and controlled against your will.

Verses 12-17; This new reality places those (we) who follow Christ in special relationship with God. For we are far more than slaves. We are sons (and daughters) of God. And, co-inheritors of the Kingdom that Jesus, the King, rules. All things have become new. A new spirit, a new heart, a new nature, a new way of life, a new future, a new relationship with God, a new membership in a family and community, eternal and forever. WOW!!!! ABBA!!!! Therefore, we are obligated and assigned to live according to the Word, Will, and Way of God, given and shown to us by Jesus, by both Word and Deed. (As in a marriage) In sickness and health, for richer or poorer, through sufferings or blessings, till death joins us eternally. AMEN!!!

Verses 18-27; We can be no longer orientated by this natural world and what we perceive with our natural senses. But we must live by Faith in God according to His Word and the unction of His Spirit. Therefore, what we experience in this world is for our good. And whatever sufferings we experience now is not worthy to be measured against the Glory and blessings that are to come. It is critical that we place our confidence and hope in God's promise regardless of any/all life encounters.

Verse 28-39; The Lord provides a wonderful pep-talk through Paul saying, consider all the great earthly warriors and kings you may know, and know we are greater than them all. (37) We were known of God before we came into this world. God foresaw our lives, choices, and outcomes of every detail of our lives we are living. And all of it has purpose and gain. Look at verse 35. No matter what, nothing can separate us from the

Love of God. As stated in Psalms 44: 22; though we are led like sheep to the slaughter, there is great meaning and reward even in our deaths. To die in Christ, is great gain.