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LESSON 2

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ROMANS 8:1 IS THE THEME OF THE CHAPTER.

- A. Everything **flows** from it.
- B. It is the **theme** of the **entire** Bible.
- C. It is the **heart** of the Gospel.

FOUR GREAT WORDS TO SUMMARIZE THE GOSPEL

A. Condemnation

- 1. What does it **mean**?
- 2. Why is it so **significant**?

“Condemnation is a forensic term which here includes both the sentence and the execution of the sentence.”

Leon Morris

B. Now

- 1. What does it **mean**?
- 2. Why is it so **significant**?

C. No

- 1. What does it **mean**?
- 2. Why is it so **significant**?

“Not only is the Christian NOT in a state of condemnation now, he never can be, it is impossible.”

D. M. Lloyd-Jones

Day 2

3. How would you describe the person “governed by the Spirit”? See also Colossians 3:1-4.

4. According to Romans 8:6, what are the benefits to us if we are “governed by the Spirit”? Explain.

5. Notice that in verse 5 we are instructed to “**set** our minds on what the Spirit desires”. Set implies an action I can take. What are some actions I can take to “set” my mind on spiritual things? See also 2 Corinthians 10:5b.

Day 3

6. What are some practical ways that we can keep our minds “set on what the Spirit desires”? See also Psalm 1:1-3 and 37:4.

7. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, what happens to us when we receive Jesus? As “new creations”, according to Romans 8:23, we “groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for ... the redemption of our bodies”. What do you think that means? What does that practically look like in our lives?

Day 4

8. According to verse 8, how can we please God? What does that mean in your life practically?

9. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8; 12:9; Philippians 4:13 and describe what we have available to us in this process of learning to please God in our choices.

10. Read Philippians 4:8 and describe a practical way we can set our minds on the things of the Spirit?

Day 5

11. What new truth did you learn regarding who God is and what He desires to do in your life?

12. How has what you have studied this week helped you to feel more *Empowered and Secure*?

OPTIONAL:

Read Jesus' parable in Matthew 12:1-9 and 18-23. Describe how this relates to setting our minds on what the Spirit desires in Romans 8:5.

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: Memorize Romans 8:6.