

Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church
Family Fusion - 2012
Romans 5-8

Lesson # 7- #8

Theme: There is No Condemnation Nor Separation for the Believer

Chapter Eight

I. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW POSITION (8:1–8).

A. Our position in regard to the Son of God (8:1–3): The believer is in Christ.

1. *The miracle involved (8:1, 3a):* Believers receive no condemnation and are freed from sin and death.
2. *The means involved (8:2, 3b):* This was accomplished not through the law of Moses but by the death of Christ.

B. Our position in regard to the law of God (8:4–8): We are now able to fulfill the righteous requirements of the law in and through Christ.

II. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW GUEST (8:9–14)

A. Who he is (8:9) : He is the blessed Holy Spirit himself.

B. What he does (8:10–14)

1. *He once strengthened Christ and raised him from the dead (8:11) .*
2. *He now lives within us and controls us (8:9) .*
3. *He now strengthens us and will someday raise us from the dead (8:10, 12–14).*

III. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW ADOPTION (8:15–17): We are now members of God's family.

A. Giving us an intimacy with the Father (8:15–16)

B. Giving us an inheritance from the Father (8:17)

IV. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW HOPE (8:18–25): The nature of this hope is the full and final redemption of all things, including:

A. Christians (8:18, 23–25)

1. *The present grief* (8:18a, 23): Believers groan to be released from pain and suffering.
2. *The future glory* (8:18b, 24–25)
 - a. The comparison (8:18b): Today's grief is nothing when compared with tomorrow's glory.
 - b. The command (8:24–25): Until then, however, we are to wait patiently and confidently.

B. Creation (8:19–22)

1. *Nature, the victim* (8:20, 21b–22): The natural world of plants and animals groans in pain because of the fall.
2. *Nature, the victor* (8:19, 21a): Nature, too, will be liberated from decay and death to freedom and fruitfulness.

V. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW PRAYER HELPER (8:26–27).

A. The identity of this helper (8:26a): He is the Holy Spirit.

C. The indispensability of this helper (8:26b): His prayers are vital, because we don't even know what we should pray for.

D. The intensity of this helper (8:26c–27)

1. *How he prays* (8:26c): He prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.
2. *What he prays* (8:27) : He pleads for us in harmony with God's own will.

VI. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW CONFIDENCE (8:28) .

A. What it involves (8:28a): God causes everything to work together for good.

B. Whom it involves (8:28b): Those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

VII. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW DESTINY (8:29–39).

A. **The summary** (8:29) : The Father himself has decreed that all believers should become like his dear Son!

B. **The steps** (8:30)

1. *We were foreknown by the Father* (8:30a).
2. *We were predestined by the Father* (8:30b).
3. *We were called by the Father* (8:30c).
4. *We were justified by the Father* (8:30d).
5. *We were glorified by the Father* (8:30e).

C. **The security** (8:31–39)

1. *There exists no possible accusation against believers* (8:31–34).
 - a. The Father will not allow this (8:31–33).
 - (1) He once gave us his Son (8:31–32a).
 - (2) He now gives us all things (8:32b–33).
 - b. The Son will not allow this (8:34) .
 - (1) He died for us (8:34a).
 - (2) He was resurrected for us (8:34b).
 - (3) He now prays for us (8:34c)
2. *There exists no possible separation from the Savior* (8:35–39): This includes:
 - a. Both life and death (8:35–38a)
 - b. Both angels and demons (8:38b)
 - c. Both present and future (8:38c)
 - d. Both height and depth (8:39)