

THE CERTAINTY OF JUSTIFICATION: Because of the Work of the Holy Spirit, pt 1. Rom 8:1-11

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INTRODUCTION

1. Chapter 8's Connection to Chapters 6-7.
2. Language of Desperation in Chapter 7 and Victorious Language of Chapter 8 [7:24 Vs. 8:18, 30, 37, 38-39].
3. Two Great Themes Bookend Chapter 8: No Condemnation (1) & No Separation (39).
4. Justification Is Secure.
5. Chapter 8 Is the Conclusion to Chapters 6 & 7.
6. Chapter 8 Is About Spiritual Condition, Not Behavior.
7. The Appearance of the Word "Spirit" [35 times in Romans; 22 times in Romans 8].
8. Great Theological Debate: Predestined and Elect.
9. Paul's Points Revolve Around "Justification":
 - Everyone, Including Both Gentiles and Jews, Need Justification; (1:18-3:20)
 - God Has Provided Justification to Everyone; (3:21-31)
 - The Justification Provided by God Is Received by Faith Alone, the Mosaic Law Having Nothing To Do With It; (4)
 - Jesus Christ Is the Central Figure in our Justification (Jesus Christ, Not Abraham, Is the Foil to Adam, Sin and Death); (5)
 - Justification Is the Only Thing That Can Deal With the Sin Principle and Sin as Practice, and What It Produces, Namely Death; (6-7)
 - Justification Guarantees the Certainty of Glorification; (8)
 - Justification Is God Expression of Mercy Upon all; (9-11)
 - Justification's Application to the Life...of the Believer/in the Church; (12-16).

I. THE PRONOUNCEMENT — NO CONDEMNATION. 1-2

A. The Connection to Condemnation. 1a

B. The Proclamation — No Condemnation. 1b

C. The People Who Are Not Condemned — Those in Christ Jesus. 1c

D. The Description of Those Not Condemned. 1d

E. The Reason for no Condemnation — Freedom. 2

II. WHAT GOD HAS DONE. 3-4

III. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT. 5-6

IV. THE POSITION/CONDITION OF BEING IN THE FLESH. 7-8

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