

## The Law of the Spirit of Life (1)

**Romans 8:1-3** 1There is now then no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. 2For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death. 3For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh

### Outline: (RcV NT)

- Freedom in the Spirit by the Indwelling Christ (**8:1-13**)
- The Law of the Spirit of Life (**vv.1-6**)
- Set Free from Sin and Death by the Law of the Spirit of Life (**vv.1-3**)

1. In Romans 1:18-3:20 & in 5:16, 18, condemnation is mentioned. What is the difference between that condemnation and the condemnation mentioned in 8:1? Where does the latter condemnation come from? (7:17-18, 20-24) What is the solution for the objective condemnation (3:25) and the subjective condemnation (8:2)?

2. What is the Spirit of life? (8:2) How is this Spirit related to the Spirit mentioned in 1Cor.15:45b? What kind of life does the Spirit of Life convey?

3. What does *in Christ* mean? (6:3-5, 8, 11, 22; 5:10)

4. What is the new law introduced in Rom.8? What is its source and what can it achieve? (8:2)

5. Is it the law of the Spirit of life or the Spirit of life that delivers us from the law of sin and death? Why?

6. In Rom.5 grace is in opposition to Satan, but in Rom.8:1, what is in opposition?

7. The phrase, the Spirit of life, reveals what aspects of life from Romans 1-6? (1:17; 2:7; 5:10, 17-18, 21; 6:4, 22-23)

8. In Rom.8:2, what are the *three contrasts*?

9. What are the four-fold stages of the spiritual life in Rom.8? (8:2; 10; 6; and 11, 23 –Phil.3:21)

10. What does the law of sin do in us? What does the law of death do in us? (see footnote 8:2<sup>6</sup>)

11. In Rom.8:3 the law is what law? (7:7,10,12,14,22)

12. Why is it that “the law could not do”? (8:3, 7:17-18, 24, 3:20, Heb.7:8; see footnote 8:3<sup>2</sup>)

13. How did the Son come in the flesh but have no sin? (John 1:14; Heb. 2:14; 1 Tim. 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; Num. 21:9; John 3:14)

14. Since Christ did not have the sin of the flesh, how did He deal with Satan while He was on the cross? (Col. 1:22; 1 Pet. 3:18; John

12:31; 16:11; Heb. 2:14)