

“COMFORT FOR THE JOURNEY” Series

Message #4 of 4

“Assured, Willing & Ready”

Our only comfort in life and in death is that Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Romans 8:1-11

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1st Observations:

- Life, live, lives, alive, living = 10 times
- Sin, sinful nature, sinful mind = 13 times
- The Spirit of life, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit, the Spirit of him = 10 times
- Death, dead = 5 times

1. ASSURED – Heart (Romans 8:1-4)

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.” – v.1-2

- God did, what our efforts couldn’t do – v.3
- God fulfilled the requirements of the law – v.4a
- That fulfillment was fully given to us – v.4b

2nd Corinthians 1:21-22 –

Anointed, sealed, guaranteed by the Spirit

2nd Corinthians 5:5 –

The Spirit is a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Ephesians 1:13b –

Having believed, marked with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

Note: There is **“no condemnation”** for us (v.1), but God **DID “condemn sin”** (v.3d) ... “in order that ...” – v.4

Why must there be payment for sin?

- Nahum 1:3 –
- Numbers 14:18-19 –

Romans 3:26 – “God is both **just** and the one who **justifies** those who have faith in Jesus.”

2. WILLING – Mind (Romans 8:5-9)

“Those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.” – v.5b, 6b

- Your mind is under the control of someone / something
- You have a choice as to who / what you listen to
- Who will you submit it to?

Philippians 2:12b-13

“Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for **it is God who works in you to will and to act** according to his good purpose.”

3. READY – Spirit & Body (Romans 8:10-11)

*“He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who **lives in you.**” – v.11*

- Christ is in you
- Your spirit is alive because of Christ’s righteousness – v.10b
- God gives life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit

Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”

Colossians 3:3

“You died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

2nd Corinthians 4:7-12

Living for God ...

- What is your mind **“set on”**? – v.5; Col. 3:1-2; Heb. 12:2-3