

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE  
**ROMANS**

Lesson 10

The Revelation of the Righteousness of God

SANCTIFICATION and THE SPIRIT, Part One

(Romans 8:1-15)

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Now we will see the completeness of our redemption in Christ.

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Sanctification and the Spirit (8:1-39)

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This chapter of Romans has a beautiful structure,  
mirrored like a clear mountain lake.

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B | The Holy Spirit's witness with our spirit or new nature, leading it.

(16-27)

A | **No separation** from Christ for those who are in Christ, and the reason.

(28-39)

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Here is where we begin.

## Romans 8:1

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## Geneva Bible Notes

“Seeing that we, being **justified** by faith in Christ, obtain **remission of sins** and imputation of **righteousness**, and are also **sanctified**, it follows from this that those who are grafted into Christ by faith need have no fear of condemnation.”







## **CONDEMNATION**

1. The judicial act of declaring one guilty, and dooming him to punishment.
2. The state of being condemned.

American Dictionary of the English Language

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We see this truth in Paul's second letter to the churches in Corinth. The Christians were sorrowful for their errors, and so they were determined to change their ways:



## 2 Corinthians 7:10-11

<sup>10</sup> For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

<sup>11</sup> For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge!

In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

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Being free from *this* condemnation does not change according to the way you feel about yourself on any particular day.

Paul is talking about a state of *being*, not a state of *mind*.



**Romans 8:2**

<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ  
Jesus hath made me free from the law of  
sin and death.

Why are we so free?





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“the law of faith” (Rom. 3:27)

### **John 3:16**

... that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



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“the law of faith” (Rom. 3:27)
2. The law of sin and death –  
by which all the world is made  
“guilty before God” (Rom. 3:19).



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sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in  
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- 4 That the righteousness of the law might be  
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And how was this accomplished?




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Man's sinful nature made it impossible for the Jews to keep the law of Moses. That is why the law could not bring them to holiness.





I can fly!

SINFULNESS

(THE STONE TABLETS)

(OUR FALLEN NATURE)

RIGHTEOUSNESS



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### Philippians 2:7

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His gave his life on the cross to pay our debt to sin.



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Again we see “the great exchange.”

### 2 Corinthians 5:21

- <sup>21</sup> For he hath made him *to be sin* for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.



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### Romans 3:22

- <sup>22</sup> Even the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ* unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:





We walk after the Spirit **by putting our faith in Christ.**

SINFULNESS

# JESUS

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Now there is righteousness, not condemnation...

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to those who walk after the Spirit...

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The next 16 verses contrast the new nature of Christ with the old nature of sin.

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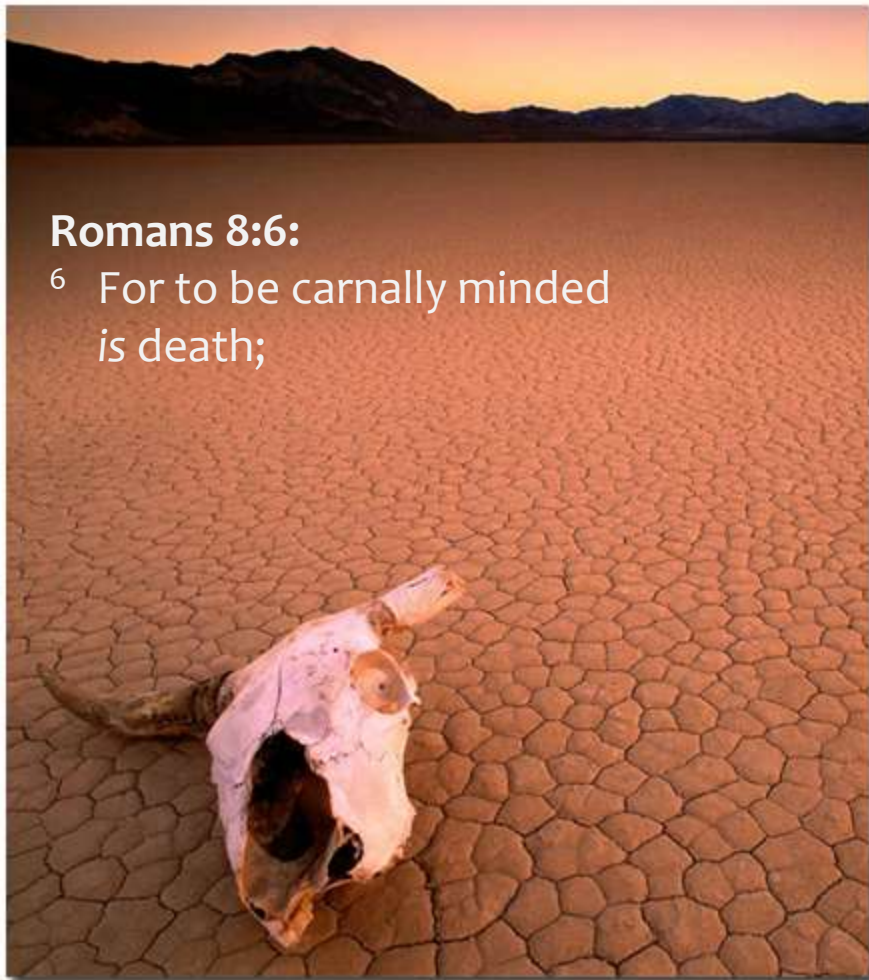
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(to “mind” is to consider –  
and ultimately obey)

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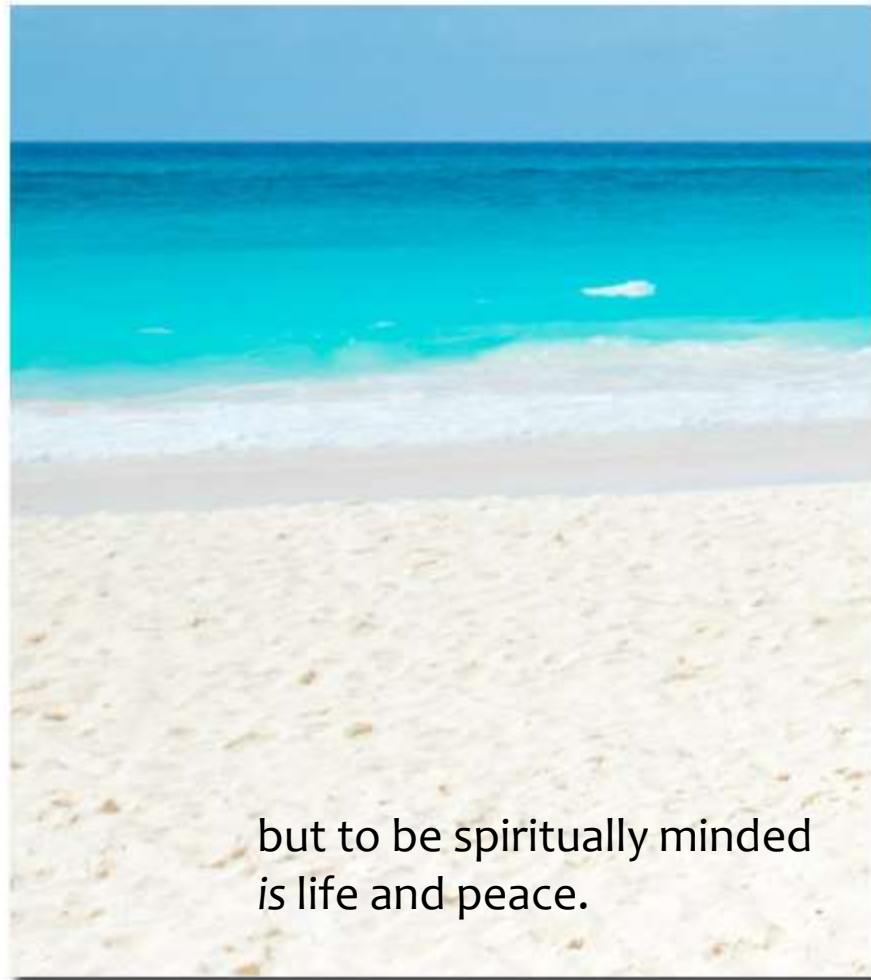
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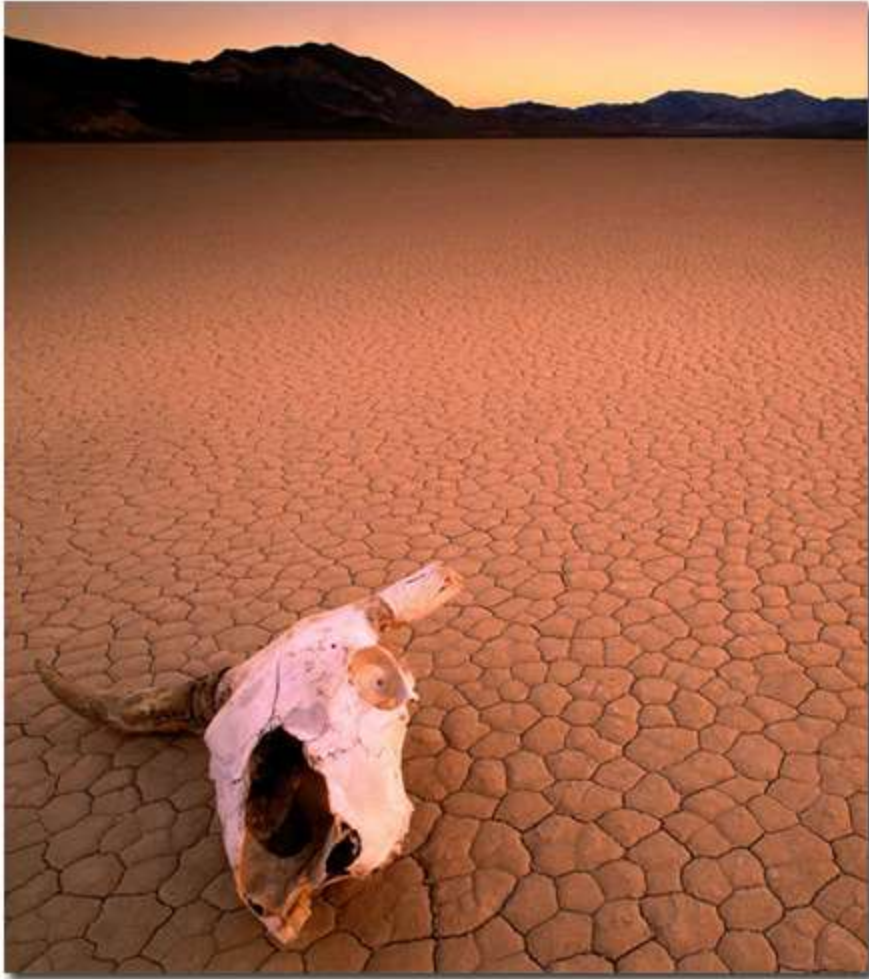


**Romans 8:6:**

<sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded  
is death;



but to be spiritually minded  
is life and peace.



**CARNAL**, *adjective*

1. Pertaining to flesh; fleshly; sensual; opposed to spiritual; as *carnal* pleasure.
2. **Being in the natural state; unregenerate.**

**Romans 8:7-8**

- 7 **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

It is impossible for the mind of the flesh – the carnal mind – to obey God.





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### Webster's 1828 Bible Notes

#### ENMITY

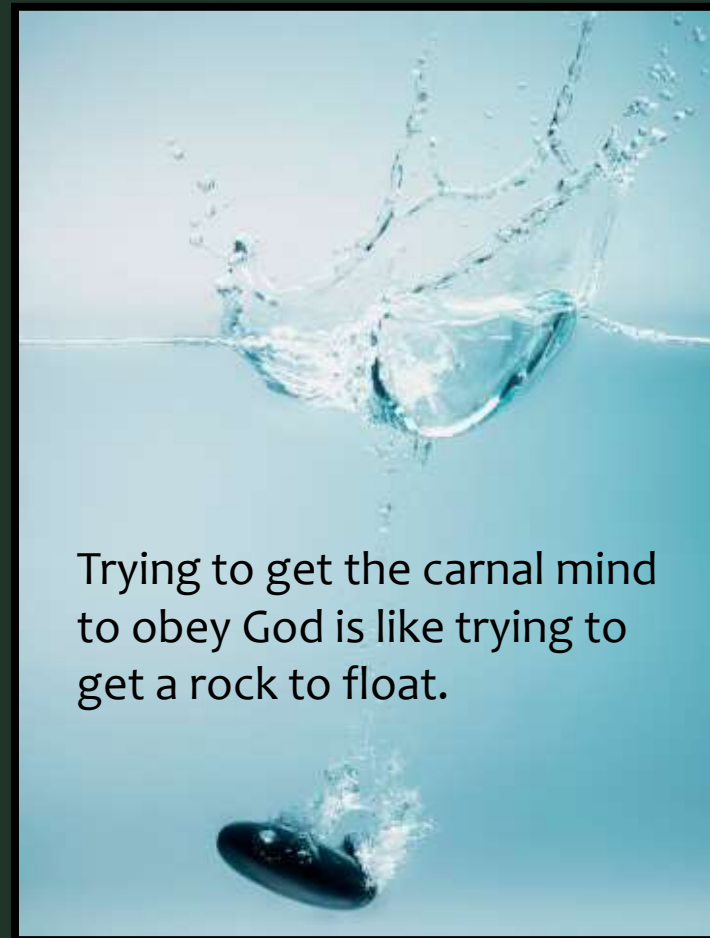
1. The quality of being an enemy; the opposite of friendship.
2. A state of opposition.



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Trying to get the carnal mind to obey God is like trying to get a rock to float.

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So how can a person not be “in the flesh”?

By being “in the Spirit.”



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## John 3:3-7

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6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh;  
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This new nature is what Jesus was  
describing to Nicodemus:

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The old nature is born of the flesh,  
but the new nature is born of the Spirit!

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and they that are in the flesh cannot please God.  
But that which is born of the Spirit is spirit  
and the Spirit is life because of righteousness!

## Led by the New Nature (8:5-15)

### **Romans 8:12-14**

- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, brethren, we are debtors,  
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- <sup>13</sup> For if ye live after the flesh,  
ye shall die:  
but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the  
deeds of the body,  
ye shall live.
- <sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,  
they are the sons of God.

So now, because of Christ's sacrifice,  
we have a duty to live according to  
the law of the Spirit of life in Christ  
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Not a slave to sin,  
Not bound to the law.

This is the life God wants for his  
children – to be led by his Spirit in  
them.



**Romans 8:15**

<sup>15</sup> For ye have not received  
the spirit of bondage  
again to fear;  
but ye have received  
the Spirit of adoption,  
whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

For those who are led by the new nature, the days of bondage to the law of sin and death are over.



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This is the relationship that Jesus  
went to the cross to secure:



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## Matthew Henry Commentary

“Men may give a **charter** [contract] of adoption; but it is God's prerogative, when he adopts, to give a **spirit** of adoption – the nature of children.”



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“The Spirit of adoption works  
in the children of God  
a **love** to God as a Father,  
a **delight** in him,  
and a **dependence** upon him,  
as a Father.



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**Abba** is a Syriac [Aramaic] word signifying *father* or *my father*;

**Father** is from **pater**, a Greek word.



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We are invited to call upon God using the same term of love, intimacy, and trust as Jesus did in his hour of need.

## Mark 14:36

<sup>36</sup> And he said, **Abba, Father,** all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.



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Galatians 4:4-7

- <sup>4</sup> But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
- <sup>5</sup> To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
- <sup>6</sup> And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, **Abba, Father.**
- <sup>7</sup> Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.



## Sanctification and the Spirit (8:1-39)

A | No condemnation for those who are in Christ, and the reason.

(1-4)

B | The Spirit (the new nature) in us; now leading us.

(5-15)

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B | The Holy Spirit's witness with our spirit or new nature, leading it. (16-27)

## Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

1. According to the structure on Slide 6, Romans 8 begins with "No Condemnation" and ends with "No \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Does "no condemnation" mean we should not feel bad when we sin?
3. What are the two laws described in Romans 8:2?
4. Which one sets people free?
5. According to Romans 8:5, what are the two things we can "mind"?
6. According to Romans 8:6, what is the result of each one?
7. What are the 6 ways the new nature is described in Romans 8:9-11?
8. What are two kinds of births that Jesus described to Nicodemus?
9. What are the two kinds of spirits described in Romans 8:15?
10. What is the special term that Jesus used to speak to his heavenly Father that we can use also?

Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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