

A Vision for Our Lives

In Romans 8 Paul makes a series of statements about those who are “in Christ Jesus.” Paul doesn’t give any direct commands. Rather, he simply makes a series of bold statements about what is true of those who put their trust in Jesus. These statements can give us a vision for our lives. May we hear, believe and live in light of these truths.

Opening Discussion: What are you doing this week to prepare for the celebration of Easter this coming Sunday?

Read Romans 8:1-8

1. Paul begins this chapter by declaring that there is “no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (cross reference with 5:18)? What truths has he been teaching that leads to this conclusion?
2. What are some of the implications of being able to live without condemnation?
3. In light of the truth that there is no condemnation for believers, should we ever feel guilt? Why or why not?
4. What was it that the Law could not do that Jesus accomplished for us (vv. 3-4)?

5. What contrasting kinds of lives does Paul talk about (vv. 5-8)? How does he describe each?
6. Paul says that the mind set on the Spirit is “life and peace” (v. 6). What does this mean? And how have you experienced this truth in your own life?
7. Suppose you have a friend who says that s/he knows what Romans 8:1 teaches, but s/he still feels a sense of condemnation in her/his life? What would you say to her/him?
8. What is one way this week that you can live in light of the truth – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”?