

## Romans Lesson 7

**Reading: Romans 8**

**Memory Verse: Romans 8:37**

**Definitions:**

Testifies – giving supporting evidence

Intercedes – Goes between, petitions in favor of another

**After reading the lesson, answer the questions using the following link:**

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### **Now for the Good News**

Romans chapter 8 is like a refreshing glass of ice-cold water after hiking up a mountain in 92° heat. Paul begins the chapter by writing that there is no condemnation for the believer and ends by writing that we (believers) cannot be separated from God. Now that is a relief!

Yes, we have a sin problem (chapters 1-2). But God provided the solution to that problem through justification (lesson 3). Yes, we struggle as our old, sinful nature battles with the new nature we received at the instant we trusted Christ as Savior (lesson 6). But that struggle is temporary, a part of our earthly life. In Christ, there is no condemnation. What is more, the Holy Spirit indwells us to help us with that earthly struggle.

**What does the Holy Spirit help us do?**

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- The Holy Spirit is a person living in us (at the time of our salvation) who gives us strength to achieve victory over sin and death (8:9-11).
- The Holy Spirit leads us day by day (8:14).
- The holy spirit testifies with our spirit that we are children of God (8:16).
- The Holy Spirit helps us pray. He intercedes for us (8:26).

We can have a victory over that old, sinful nature, but it is a day-by-day choice of allowing the Holy Spirit to have control (Galatians 5:22-25, Ephesians 4:22-24). But there is more! In this chapter, Paul asks and then answers four reassuring questions.

### **Question number one**

*If God is for us, who can be against us (8:31)?* Sometimes we might feel that everyone is against us - our friends, our family, our teachers, and or even ourselves! But think about it. When God, in his great power, is for us, what harm could anyone else possibly do to us? Of course, we will face a difficult situation, but in all things, we need to remember that God, the one who created the entire universe, is on our side! We could not ask for anything more.

### **Question number two**

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*Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen (8:33)?* Whom has God chosen? Those of us who have trusted Christ as Savior and are now justified.

(Remember, justification means “declared not guilty and declared righteous in God’s sight when I placed my faith in Christ’s death as payment for my sins.”) Can anyone judge a child of God? Only God himself, and he is the one who justified us in the first place.

### **Question number three**

*Who is he that condemns (8:34)?* Only Christ could condemn us (John 5:22). But instead, he died for us, rose again, and lives to intercede with God the Father on our behalf.

### **Question number four**

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ (8:35-39)?* What an answer! This list covers everything! We can never lose our salvation! This is the eternal life insurance policy. What more can we ask for?

### **Fast fact**

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Paul wanted the Romans to understand the full scope of what Christ has done. But it does not stop with our earthly life. We have more benefits waiting for us in heaven. Our future resurrection as a child of God will be on that wonderful day when all believers see the Lord Jesus Christ. We will be given a glorified (perfect, eternal) body (Philippians 3:21) and we will be like him (1John 3:2). Even the whole creation, which has been subject to failure and decay, is waiting for that day when it will share the glory of all believers in their deliverance from sin (8:19-22).