

How To Live Like a King's Kid (Romans, Part 7)

Many of God's children live below their privileges as King's Kids. That's why we're studying the book of Romans – it tells us how to access the royalty that is already within us through the power of God's Spirit.

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NO CONDEMNATION

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

What is “therefore” there for? No condemnation based on Chap. 1-7
*By simple definition, **therefore** introduces a result, consequence, or conclusion based on what has been established previously.*

Chapters 1-7 teach us that we cannot achieve salvation through keeping the Law, and that our only hope is God's **GRACE**. Now, the “**SPIRIT**” is mentioned nearly twenty times in chapter 8, because it is the Holy Ghost – **not our own efforts** – that enables us to live a victorious Christian life.

LAST WEEK: TWO LAWS (SIN/SPIRIT; GRAVITY/AERODYNAMICS)

The law of the Spirit doesn't destroy the law of sin but overcomes it.

- Sometimes I make mistakes and fall – NOT I, BUT SIN IN ME.
- But I have a new nature within me – NOT I, BUT CHRIST IN ME.

I am winning my personal war on sin ONE BATTLE AT A TIME.

The Holy Ghost operates through **CONVICTION**, not **CONDEMNATION**. They “feel” the same, but come from different sources and have totally different results in our lives – so we should react to them differently.

| CONDEMNATION | CONVICTION |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tangible sense of guilt | Tangible sense of guilt |
| Because of our sin and failures | Because of our sin and failures |
| Con – “damned” | Con – “vined” |
| Comes from the devil | Comes from God |
| Pushes us from repentance | Pulls us to repentance |
| We should resist condemnation | We should embrace conviction |

NO OBLIGATION

Romans 8:12-13 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 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.

You don't owe your flesh anything – KILL ITS SINFUL DEEDS!

Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Romans 8:15-17 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. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Spirit of adoption gives us a “Joint Checking Account” with Jesus!

NO FRUSTRATION

Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The Holy Spirit prays through us when we don't know how to pray. Praying in the Spirit is like praying in a code the devil can't break!

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Our circumstances are like the ingredients of a cake – they are not all good, but they all work together to achieve a good result!

Romans 8:29-30 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

God doesn't predestinate **INDIVIDUALS**, but He does predestinate **GROUPS** of individuals. You just have to choose to join the right group!

Predestinate - root word meaning ‘horizon’ – already done in Christ!

NO SEPARATION

Sometimes we have the attitude of JACOB ...

Genesis 42:36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: **all these things are against me.**

But we need to have the attitude of JOB ...

Job 23:8-10 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: **But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.**

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?**

Romans 8:33a Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?

Romans 8:34a Who is he that condemneth? **(NO CONDEMNATION)**

Romans 8:35a Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Romans 8:38-39 For I am **persuaded**, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to **separate** us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The only power that can put **DISTANCE** (“separate”) between you and God is not the devil, not the world, not circumstances – only **YOU**.