



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Romans 8:1-4 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What is the relationship between Romans 7:6 and Romans 8:1-4?
- 5) How does the phrase "no condemnation" relate to the doctrine of justification?

Justification: Justification is a judicial act of God pardoning sinners (wicked and ungodly persons, Rom. 4:5; 3:9–24), accepting them as just, and so putting permanently right their previously estranged relationship with himself. This justifying sentence is God's gift of righteousness (Rom. 5:15–17), his bestowal of a status of acceptance for Jesus' sake (2 Cor. 5:21).²

- 6) What does the Apostle Paul mean by the word "now" in verse 1?
- 7) In verse 2, Paul mentions two different laws. How would you describe "the Law of the Spirit of Life" and "the Law of Sin & Death" ?
- 8) Why didn't the Law in the Old Testament work?
- 9) How specifically have Christians been set free?
- 10) How does Jesus condemning sin in the flesh (v. 3) fulfill the righteous requirement of the Law in us (v. 4)?
- 11) If you were to sum up the message of verses 1-4 in your own words, how would you say it?
- 12) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

² J. I. Packer, [Concise Theology: A Guide to Historic Christian Beliefs](#) (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1993), 164.

Some of these questions taken and adapted from: Tony Merida, [Exalting Jesus in Romans](#), ed. David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida, Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2021), 131.