



Jesus saved us from the penalty of sin, and rescues us from the power of sin.

**I. No longer bound, we belong instead. (1-6)**

- A. An illustration from marriage.
- B. We died to sin so that we might belong to another – Jesus.
  - 1. Belonging speaks of a new affection.
  - 2. Belonging brings new results. (4, 6)
    - a. Bear fruit for God.
    - b. Serve in the Spirit.

Released from the Law that we might belong to Jesus.

**Question #1:** Is the law bad/sin?

NO! It reveals to me that I am bad.

**II. The Law reveals how sin had seized us. (7-12)**

**Question #2:** Did a good law become death to me?

BY NO MEANS! Instead, it exposed sin for what it is: deadly and utterly sinful.

**III. Hounded by sin, we are rescued by Jesus. (13-25)**

- A. The war has been won, but sin continues its attack, like pockets of resistance after the armistice.
- B. We must recognize how wretched we are. (24)
- C. The Rescuer – Jesus! (25)
  - Present deliverance and future (eschatological) deliverance.
  - This is progressive. It is a process. (8:30)

**How does this apply to me?**

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## INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

#### PASSAGE OVERVIEW

Chapter 8 begins with one of the most liberating sentences in scripture. There is no condemnation for those who have trusted in Jesus. He has taken the judgment of our sins for us. No longer slaves to sin, we are free in Him! But how do we live this new life of freedom in Jesus?

The Holy Spirit enables us to live this new life, which is totally contrary to the way we used to live. As we set our minds upon Him, submitting to His control and power, we live a radically new and free life in Christ.

It is the Spirit of God, who is also the Spirit of Jesus (because Jesus is God), who certifies that we belong to Him. Every believer in Jesus is indwelt by His Spirit, who also assures us that our physical bodies will one day be resurrected, just as Jesus was resurrected.

By the Spirit, we have been adopted as sons of God. We live for Him both out of a debt of gratitude, but also out of a depth of relationship as sons before the Father.

Spend time this week thanking Him that because of Jesus there is no condemnation hanging over you. Thank Him for sending His Spirit to transform you and enable you to live a new life in Jesus. Meditate upon the wonder of the Father/son relationship He has provided for you.

#### READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Romans 8:1-17