

## **Why We Can Win Over Sin** **Romans 8:1-4**

Rom. 8 will wrap up Paul's explanation of How God saves us from sin. Two themes dominate ch.8—the empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit and the security every believer has in Christ.

### **No condemnation makes us winners over sin. 8:1**

- Every believer is w/o condemnation, 8:33,34, Jn. 5:24, 10:28, but the term and context (*therefore*, and see 2b) emphasizes we are also w/o condemnation to a continual servitude to sin.
- The KJV adds a line also in 4b (possible copyist's error?).

### **How we became winners over sin. 8:2,3**

- The reason we win over sin = the law (authority) of the Spirit overwhelmed the law (authority) of sin and death (cf. 7:23).
- Note the Trinity here: the Spirit frees us from sin/gives us life in Christ, Whom the Father sent to die for our sin.

### **Why we should aim daily to win over sin. 8:4**

- God's goal = fulfill requirement of the *holy, righteous, good Law* (7:12). Are we really to fulfill the Law? See Matt. 5:17, 13:8-10. But how can we even begin to pull this off in view of Paul's own struggles seen in 7:13-25?
- Paul's answer? It's v. 4—walking by the Spirit (see also in Gal. 5:16,25), which is then explained in vv. 5-11.

There is **NO**  
condemnation  
for those who are  
~~not~~ in Christ Jesus.

*To run and work the  
Law commands, but  
gives us neither feet  
nor hands. But better  
news the gospel  
brings, it bids us fly  
and gives us wings.*

--John Bunyan