

General review

- Romans 1 All are without excuse. No one can deny evidence for God's existence.
- Romans 2 Both Jew and Gentile are without excuse.
- Romans 3 All have sinned.
- Romans 4 Abraham justified by faith.
- Romans 5 Peace with God through faith.
- Romans 6 Dead to sin, alive to God...the wages of sin is death.
- Romans 7 I cannot be justified by the Law...who will deliver me? Jesus Christ!
- Romans 8 No condemnation to those in Christ Jesus.

"Now" is a new day.

Romans 8:1-4

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

Why you can live in gratitude

- "Now" is a new day – 8:1 *There is therefore now...*
  - What enables the now?
    - 1) Knowledge of sin (ch. 1-3),
    - 2) Justification and peace with God through faith (ch. 4-5),
    - 3) Battle with the flesh and temptation (ch. 6-7).

- No condemnation for you – 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Hebrews 1:3 *He [Jesus] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature,*

- New law in your life – 8:2 *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*
- New hero – 8:3 *For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,*
- New walk – 8:4 *in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

### How to live in gratitude

- 1) Beware of chronically negative and cynical people.
- 2) Spend time daily with Jesus through His Word and prayer.
- 3) Let a deep-rooted expectancy of what God can do in your life drown out the whispers of your own insecurity.

Look forward with expectancy to what He can do according to who He is. Avoid “talking down” God’s potential because of your fears. It’s about what He can do, despite your weakness.