May 3-4, 2025

Title: Romans: The Home of Christ and the Spirit, Pt 1: "No Condemnation and Growing Freedom in the Home of Christ and the Spirit" – Romans 8:1-11

Big Idea: Confidently enjoy no condemnation and growing freedom in the home of Christ and the Spirit!

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

1. There is NO CONDEMNATION in Christ – Romans 8:1

Have you ever experienced a moment when you felt deeply free or relieved from guilt? What happened?

What does "no condemnation" mean to you personally?

How does understanding your identity "in Christ" change the way you view your past sins or failures?

In what ways might Christians still live as though they are condemned, even though they are not?

2. You are in Christ if you have the FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT – Romans 8:2-8

Why was the law powerless to save us, according to this passage?

How does Christ's work fulfill the law's requirements in us?

What are some practical ways we can live out the freedom Christ has given us?

What does it mean to have your mind set on the Spirit rather than the flesh?

What are some "flesh-based" mindsets or attitudes that might still tempt you today?

How does setting your mind on the Spirit bring "life and peace" in your experience?

3. There is LIFE in the HOME of Christ and the Spirit – Romans 8:9-11

What assurance does Paul give to believers about the Holy Spirit in them?

How does the Spirit empower you to face sin, suffering, or discouragement?

What difference does it make to know that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you?

"Next Step" Takeaways – Discuss and pray through the following:

- With God:
  - Put your faith in God's love and receive no condemnation in Christ and freedom in the Holy Spirit.
  - Memorize Romans 8:1-11 this week to set your mind on the things of the Spirit. Work on two verses per day, building as you go. Write out a prayer to the Lord each day based on the verses you are memorizing.

- With Others:
  - Ask a friend or small group to memorize the verses with you and send each other (text or email) the prayers you write out each day.

- On Mission:
  - Pray each day this week for an unbelieving person in your life to experience Romans 8:1-11.
  - Register for and attend the Pure Desire Conference on May 9-10 to be better equipped to help yourself and others honor God with sexual desire.