

I. In Christ Jesus there is no condemnation (v. 1)

A. In Christ Jesus we are freed from the reality of condemnation

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” (John 3:18)

B. In Christ Jesus we are freed from the spirit of condemnation

II. Through Christ Jesus we are freed from the power of sin (v. 2-4)

A. We are set free through the presence of the Holy Spirit

“Now the Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

B. Slavery to sin will bring death

C. Freedom in the Spirit will bring life

D. Freedom is made possible by Christ’s sacrificial death

“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.” (Revelation 1:5)

E. We are set free to live a holy life of obedience

III. Through Christ Jesus we have freedom in the Holy Spirit (v. 5-8)

A. Those controlled by the sinful nature

1. Their focus is on sinful things

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.” (John 3:19)

2. Their life is characterized by death

3. Their life is lived in hostility to God

4. Their life is not submissive to God

5. Their life is not pleasing to God

B. Those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit

1. Their focus is on the desires of God

“Not that I have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”
(Philippians 3:12)

2. Their life is characterized by life and peace

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
(Romans 14:16)

3. Their life is lived in friendship with God
4. Their life is submissive to God
5. Their life pleases God

“So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.” (2 Corinthians 5:9)