

Week 4

Romans 7:1-9:33

Williams 41-71; Morphew 52-74

1:1 - 1:17	1:18 - 3:20	3:21 - 4:25	5:1 - 8:39	9:1 - 11:36	12:1 - 15:13	15:14 - 16:27
Intro	All have sinned - Prosecution - Divine 'no'	Justification by faith- Defence - Divine 'yes'	Sanctification - New life in Christ	God's plan for Jews and Gentiles	Imperative - Christian relationships	Conclusion

1. Overview

New life in Christ? 5:1-8:39 (con'd)

- **7:1-7:6:** Like a woman who is free to remarry after her tyrant husband has died, we are no longer subject to the unachievable demands and endless reproach of the law.
- **7:7-7:13:** The law was good and holy, but it could not save us. It defined sin, provoked sin and ultimately condemned us.
- **7:14-7:25:** The law was not the problem. Our sinful human nature was. Even if we wanted to obey the law, our sinful nature prevented us from doing so and predisposed us to sin and death.
- **8:1-8:4:** Through Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit has freed us from the power of sin, death and condemnation.
- **8:5-8:30:** The Spirit lives in us, renewing our minds, bringing life and peace, confirming that we are God's children, helping us in distress and prayer, and ultimately raising our bodies from the dead.
- **8:31-8:38:** If this God is for us, who can be against us? God has given us Christ, and so will give us everything else we need. Nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

God's plan for Jews and Gentiles (9:1-11:36)

- **9:1-9:18:** I am distressed that so few Jewish people have believed in Jesus. There is so much benefit to being Jewish, but being truly Jewish never just meant physical ancestry but having God's promise and election.
- **9:19-33:** God can and does have mercy on anyone he chooses. He has mercy on Jewish people who don't rely on their works of the law but have faith in Christ, as well as Gentiles who have faith even though they never knew the law or sought God before.

2. **Important Issues**

- **Role of the law**
Reveals (defines) sin
Provokes sin
Brings wrath
Holy, righteous, good
Divine origin – 'spiritual'
Provisional, not eternal
Intent fulfilled in believers by indwelling Spirit
- **Indwelling of the Spirit**
- **God is for us**

3. **Sidelights / Questions**

- **The 'wretched man'**
- **Paul's view of Jews and the law**

4. **Application**

- **Living by the indwelling Spirit**
- **Knowing God's love**
- **Knowing our place in God's plan**

5. **Memorable Verses**

- **Romans 7:24: What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord!**
- **Romans 8:1-2: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**
- **Romans 8:11: And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.**
- **Romans 8:15: For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.**
- **Romans 8:26: In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.**
- **Romans 8:28: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.**
- **Romans 8:37-38: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**