"YOUR SANCTIFICATION VICTORY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER!" (ROMANS 8:1-4)

- Is God offering every Christian either "agony or ecstasy"? (Rom 7:23-8:1; Gal 5:13-25)

I. RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD: Gospel of Jesus Christ (1:1-17)
II. UNIVERSAL CONDEMNATION OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (1:18-3:20)
III. RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST WITHOUT WORKS (3:21-5:21)
IV. RIGHTEOUSNESS LIVED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST BY HOLY SPIRIT POWER (6:1-8:17)

A. Positional Sanctification Victory through Jesus Christ (6:1-13)
B. Relational Sanctification Victory through Jesus Christ (6:14-23)
C. Sanctification Failure through Human Strength (7:1-25)
D. Sanctification Victory through the Holy Spirit (8:1-4)

1. In Jesus Christ, You Possess Supernatural Power for Sanctification Freedom (8:1-2)

a. In Jesus Christ, you are not condemned to live as a slave to the Sin Nature. (8:1) (7:15-25)
"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus" 8:1

"*condemnation*" = judicial judgment or pronouncement (5:16, 18)
"*in Christ Jesus*" = permanent union with Jesus Christ

- Is this statement Absolute or Conditional? Justification or Sanctification?

- What is the "textual variant" in Rom 8:1?

b. In Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit permanently freed you from the Sin Nature. (8:2)
"*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death*"

FREEDOM!!!

- What does "*law*" represent in this verse?

- Why is the "*Spirit of life*" contrasted to "*sin and death*"?

2. Jesus Christ Condemned Your Sin Nature to Give Freedom for Righteousness (8:3-4)

a. Mosaic Law could Never bring righteousness. (8:3)
"For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh"

"*law could not do*" – Law of Moses or any law can never make you righteous!
"*weak through the flesh*" – human frailty, weakness, cannot produce righteousness
"*weak*" – without strength (Rom 14:1-2; 2Cor 12:10)

- Can any "law system" produce righteousness?

b. Jesus Christ came as a man and condemned the Sin Nature.
"God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh"

- How glorious is the gospel of Jesus Christ?

c. God's righteousness is fulfilled in us when we walk according to the Spirit. (8:4)
"that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

"*righteous requirement of the law*" = God's will, holiness/sanctification, righteous fruit, obedience

REMEMBER: The CROSS put to death the OLD SIN NATURE while the HOLY SPIRIT empowers the NEW NATURE.

- What does "*walk*" imply?

1. Positively, you are commanded to "*be filled with the Spirit*" (Eph 5:18), and to "*walk in the Spirit*" (Gal 5:16).

2. Negatively, you are commanded to "*grieve not the Holy Spirit*" (Eph 4:30), and to "*quench not the Spirit*". (1Thessalonians 5:19).

- Do you see the relationship you have with the Holy Spirit?

Ministries of the Holy Spirit

PRE–SALVATION Toward Unsaved	AT SALVATION Justification	POST–SALVATION Sanctification
Restraining (2Thess 2:6-8)	**Regenerates** (Titus 3:5; John 3:3-7	**Filling** (Eph 5:18)
Reproving/Convicting the world (John 16:7-11)	**Indwells** (John 7:37-39; Romans 8:9; John 14:16-17)	**Teaching/Illumination** (1Cor 2:12-13)
	Baptizes (Acts 1:5; 1Cor 12:13)	**Enabling** (Romans 15:13; Galatians 5:16)
	Seals (Eph 1:13-14)	**Transforming** (2Cor 3:18)
	Gifts (Rom 12:3-8; 1Cor 12)	**Comforting** (John 14:16-17; Acts 9:31)
		Producing Fruit (Gal 5:22-23; 1Thess 1:6)