

SERMON NOTES - RESTORED FOR NEW LIFE

- Paul tells us that people don't have to live condemned lives. He does it through two great promises.
- At the end of chapter 7 Paul cries out about his wretchedness..."*who will deliver me from this body of death?"*
- He is saved by God thru Christ his Lord!
- CONDEMNATION – sentence/penalty...that is due.
- NO CONDEMNATION – "the state or condition of those who place faith in Jesus"...what was due is no longer due – someone paid its cost!

ROMANS 8:2-4

- Why/How?
- 2 conflicting venues of living life:
 1. Life lived in the flesh
 2. AND life lived in the Spirit
- Minds set on living in the flesh result in death (*they do not have the spirit*)...are hostile towards God...(they focus only on the flesh)...cannot please God...(because they do not choose God)...end results yield condemnation...(due punishment/penalty).

ROMANS 8:9-11

- Those who are in Christ are in the “realm” of the Spirit...they are in the attention/interest/activity and care of the Holy Spirit and as such they:
 1. Belong to Jesus
 2. Receive fullness of life through God’s righteousness
 3. God will give life to your “mortal”

- Verse 11 is the very meaning/essence of “no condemnation”.

- What are we to do with all of this? Leave with something to ponder.
What to ponder may be:
 - Are we living up to God’s expectations?
 - Are we cutting ourselves short?
 - Could we do better?
 - Are we taking all this condemnation stuff seriously enough?
 - Are we taking it all for granted?