

# **Romans – Week 6: Our New Position (Romans 8:1–4)**

## **Message Summary:**

This week we stepped into one of the richest chapters in Scripture—Romans 8. Paul begins with a thunderous declaration: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

We talked about what it means to be “in Christ”—a phrase that Paul uses over 200 times in his writings. It means our old identity is gone, and our new identity is found in Jesus. We are no longer under the sentence of the law or guilt of our past.

Pastor also unpacked how the enemy lies to both sinners and saints. To unbelievers, Satan says, “You’re fine—you don’t need saving.” To believers, he says, “You’re not truly forgiven—you’re still condemned.” But both are lies. The truth is: If you are in Christ, you are free, forgiven, and fully loved.

## **Key Scriptures:**

- Romans 8:1–4
- Galatians 3:27
- Romans 8:35, 38–39
- 1 John 4:18
- Ephesians 1:13

## **Study Questions & Answers:**

### **1. What does it mean to be “in Christ”?**

It means our old sinful self is gone and our new identity is now hidden in Jesus. God sees us through His Son—as righteous, loved, and accepted.

### **2. Why is there “no condemnation” for those in Christ?**

Because Jesus already took the punishment. He fulfilled the law, bore our sin, and satisfied justice on our behalf.

### **3. How does the enemy lie to unbelievers and believers?**

He tells unbelievers they're fine without Jesus and don't need salvation. He tells believers they're still guilty and unworthy. Both are meant to keep people from walking in freedom.

#### **4. What has Jesus done that the law could not do?**

The law pointed out sin but couldn't save. Jesus, in the likeness of flesh, condemned sin and fulfilled the righteous requirement of the law for us.

#### **5. How should our lives change knowing there is no condemnation for us?**

We should walk in boldness, joy, and gratitude—living in the confidence that we are free, loved, and secure in Christ.

### **Family Spotlight: (Kids & Families)**

#### **Object Lesson: "In the Circle"**

Use sidewalk chalk or painter's tape to draw a big circle labeled "IN CHRIST."

Have kids stand inside while you name things like "fear," "shame," "lies," etc., pretending they're outside the circle. Step outside and feel the "storm," then return to the circle and feel "safe."

#### **Main Point:**

"When we're in Christ, we are protected by His love. No fear, shame, or lie can touch us. We are safe, loved, and free!"

#### **Memory Verse for Kids:**

Romans 8:1 (NLT) – "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."