

^{8.1} Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For in Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life has freed you from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, the Creator did. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and on behalf of sin, the Creator condemned sin in the flesh. ⁴ The Creator did this so that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in those of us who are not walking according to the flesh, but who are walking according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those living according to the flesh, are mindful of the things of the flesh. But those who are walking according to the Spirit, are mindful of the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind belonging to the flesh is death, but the mind belonging to the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind belonging to the flesh, sees the Creator as an enemy, and it will not submit to the Creator's law. ⁸ Those who are living in the flesh are not able to please the Creator. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh! You are in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit dwells within you! If someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, then this one does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead to sin while the Spirit is alive to righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of the one who resurrected Jesus from the dead dwells within you all, then the one who resurrected Christ from the dead will make you all, including your mortal bodies, alive through his Spirit which is dwelling within you.

¹² So then, brother and sisters, we are not bound by the flesh to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, then you are already dead. But if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, then you will be living. ¹⁴ For all of those who are being guided by the Creator's Spirit are the Creator's children. ¹⁵ You did not receive a spirit of slavery to lead you into fear again. You received the Spirit of being a child, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself jointly witnesses with our spirit that we are children of the Creator. ¹⁷ If we are children, then we are the Creator's inheritors. And we are inheritors with Christ, if indeed we suffer with him to also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ For I count that the sufferings of our present time are not comparable to the arriving glory which is being revealed to us. ¹⁹ The creation is patiently waiting for the revealing of the Creator's children. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frailty, not voluntarily, but through the one who subjected it in hope. ²¹ The creation itself will be freed from slavery to corruption to share in the freedom of the glory of the Creator's children. ²² For we know that the whole creation is groaning in the pain of childbirth, even right now. ²³ Yet not only the creation, but also we ourselves who have the firstfruits of the Spirit. We ourselves are groaning as we patiently await adoption as children, the liberation of our bodies. ²⁴ For we were saved by hope. But hope that is being seen is not hope. ²⁵ But if we are hoping for what we are not seeing, then we patiently wait for it with endurance. ²⁶ Likewise, the Spirit also works with us in our weakness. For we do not know what it is necessary to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with wordless groanings. ²⁷ The Creator, who searches hearts, knows the thoughts of the Spirit because the Spirit, according to the Creator's will, intercedes on behalf of the saints. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good, for those who are loving the Creator and are being

called according to his purpose. ²⁹ Because he preordained those he foreknew to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn of many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he preordained, he also called. Those he called, he also made righteous. Those he made righteous, he also glorified.

³¹ What then will we say about these things? If the Creator is on our side, then who or what can stand against us? ³² Indeed, he did not withhold his own Son, but gave his Son up for us all. How will he not also generously give us all things along with his Son? ³³ Who or what can attack those who have been called out by the Creator when it is the Creator who makes us righteous? ³⁴ Who or what can condemn us when Christ, who died and was resurrected and is at the right of the Creator, is interceding on our behalf? ³⁵ Who or what can separate us from Christ's love? Can oppression or affliction or persecution or scarcity or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written in Psalm 44, "*For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are counted as slaughtered sheep.*" ³⁷ In all these things we are fully victorious through the one who is loving us! ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor rulers nor the present nor the future nor powers ³⁹ nor height nor depth nor anything else created is able to separate us from the love of the Creator in Christ Jesus our Lord!