## Sermon Date: Sunday, February 9



Today, we're beginning a new series in Romans 8 called "The Greatest Chapter in the Bible." Whenever you come to faith in Christ – everything changes. Most of those changes are joyful, but others can be challenging. Truth is, even after we've been a Christ follower for a long time, we're still constantly adjusting our lives as we grow in Christ. Romans 8 is all about that shift – living out our new identity in Christ.

Key Passage: Romans 8:1

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What does Romans 8:1 mean when it says, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus"?
- 2. What is the significance of the word "therefore" in Romans 8:1? What does it connect to in the previous chapters of Romans?
- 3. What was one personal "then and now" moment in your life where you saw a clear change in identity?
- 4. Why is it important for believers to embrace the "now" of their new identity in Christ rather than living in the "then" of their past?
- 5. What are some ways guilt or shame over past sins can prevent you from living in the freedom of "no condemnation" in Christ? How can you overcome this?
- 6. Paul contrasts "then" (life dominated by sin) and "now" (life in Christ). What are some areas of your life where you still wrestle with living in the "then"? How can Romans 8:1 encourage you?
- 7. How does the example of marriage illustrate the difference between living in the "then" versus the "now"?
- 8. What practical steps can you take to remind yourself daily of your "now" identity in Christ?
- 9. How can the truth of "no condemnation" help you when you face moments of sin or seasons of struggle?
- 10. What does being "in Christ Jesus" mean, and how does this status impact every aspect of your life?