

God's Power At Work – *NOW!*
Romans 8: 1-11

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Sin

Salvation

**Sancti-
fication**

Sovereignty

Service

So Long

Verse 1

God's Power at work – *No condemnation!*

Condemnation (a legal term) = GUILTY!

Those in Christ are declared **not** guilty by God – ***no condemnation!***

This is called “justification” – Christ’s righteousness is credited to the believer

At salvation, the believer is baptized into Christ by the Holy Spirit – **2 Corinthians 12: 13; Galatians 3: 27**

Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at salvation for every believer – *this is NORMAL!*

Those in Christ will never face condemnation, the wrath of God

Who is the one who condemns the believer?

SATAN!

The Holy Spirit convicts

Satan condemns!

GODLY CONVICTION	UNGODLY CONDEMNATION
<p>Points out a SPECIFIC SIN, so you can be set free.</p>	<p>Gives you a GENERAL feeling of UNWORTHINESS.</p>
<p>Gives you a Godly SOLUTION: Admit and Repent. Receive Freedom.</p> <p>(The Holy Spirit points out a sin in our lives, not to keep us feeling guilty but to give us an opportunity to ADMIT our sin and REPENT of it.)</p> <p>There is freedom from guilt whenever we acknowledge our sin and repent of it.</p>	<p>Keeps you “stuck” in shame, blame OR denial.</p> <p>(Condemnation keeps you trapped in your past, or in your sin, without offering any godly redemption.)</p>
<p><i>“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order <u>that the world might be saved through him.</u>”</i> <i>John 3: 17 ESV</i></p>	<p><i>If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</i> <i>1 John 1:8-9</i></p>

Your job is to not
live in past
failures, but to
move on and not
get bogged down
in past failures

A young boy in a blue shirt and shorts is walking on a sand dune. He is looking back over his shoulder, following a path of footprints that leads away from him into the distance. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color, and the dunes are rolling and undulating.

No
looking
back!

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

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Verse 2 - 4

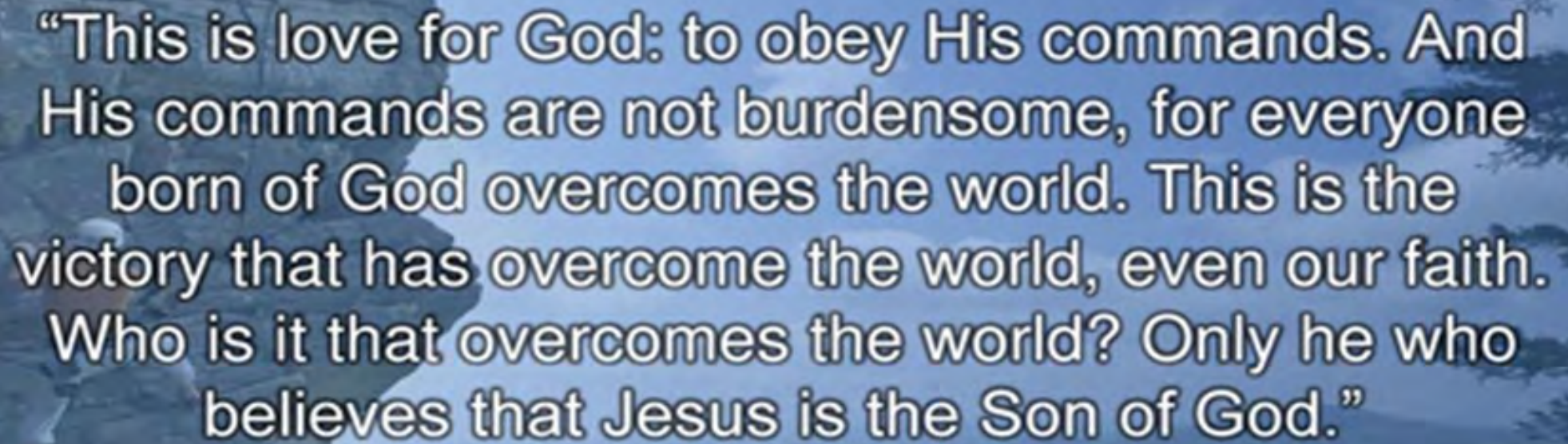
God's Power at work – *The Spirit of life*

Messiah looked like a man with sinful flesh, but He did not have sinful flesh – Philippians 2: 8

Christ fulfilled the righteous requirements of the Law

Christ's perfect law-keeping is credited to the believer at salvation

The Bible calls the believer an overcomer – 1 John 5: 5



“This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”

1 John 5:3-5 NIV

**God's power is at work in you to be an
overcomer functionally, not simply positionally**

Verse 5 - 8

**God's Power rejected – the carnally minded
and death**

The lost person can only live according to the flesh, that is their nature

The believer can focus on the things of the Spirit, be filled with the Spirit and be led by the Spirit

The end result of being consumed with the flesh is death, separated from God, lost!

Contrast that with the spiritually minded which is life and peace!

Verse 9 - 11

God's Power at work – The Holy Spirit in the believer

God considers every true believer to be in the Spirit, even if they have forays into the flesh

It is all about the believer's position in Christ

Every believer has the Holy Spirit dwelling in them and Christ dwelling in them – 2 Corinthians 13: 5

The Father also indwells the believer:

“If anyone loves Me, he will obey My word and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.” John 14: 23

Home = “*mone*” from “*meno*” = to remain, to abide, to dwell with

PROMISE:

**The Spirit of God that raised Jesus up,
will raise you up**

The indwelling Spirit assures your resurrection

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Evidence of the Holy Spirit:

Conduct change – **the fruit of the Spirit is evident**
Galatians 5: 22

Continuous leading of the Spirit – Isaiah 30: 21

Consistent with the character of Christ – John 14: 16

Conflicts with our fleshly nature – Galatians 5: 16-17

Communicated truth from God – John 16: 13-14

When we live Spirit-filled, this is the death knell for the old man, our flesh nature

The Holy Spirit is a Person, changing you, leading you, guiding you, encouraging you to go farther, comforting you, speaking to your spirit – NOW!

Listen to Him –

You must quiet your spirit to hear Him - NOW!

He is here, He is with you

Enjoy your life in the Spirit – NOW!



LIVE AS OVERCOMERS - NOW!