

Elijah Makhanu – More than Conquerors

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WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

Summary of Presentations

Sunday Evening

Topic: No Condemnation

If the Epistle to the Romans rightly has been called 'the cathedral of Christian faith', then surely the eighth chapter may be regarded as its most sacred shrine, or its high altar of worship, of praise, and of prayer. . . . Here, we stand in the full liberty of the children of God, and enjoy a prospect of that glory of God which some day we are to share" (Charles Erdman).

The beauty of Romans 8 can be seen in two of its most prominent characteristics. (1) There is a *poetic beauty* in the way this chapter begins and the way it ends. It begins with No Condemnation in Christ (v. 1) and ends with No Separation from Christ (v. 39). (2) The emphasis in this chapter on the Holy Spirit is obvious. The Greek word *pneuma*, translated Spirit, is found only 5 times in chapters 1-7 and 8 times in chapters 9-16, but it occurs 21 times in chapter 8 alone, more often than in any other single chapter in the NT.

Monday Morning

No Condemnation Romans 8:1

- Thesis question: What can God do for sinners like us, fighting but too often failing?
- The word "in" is taken from the Greek preposition [*en*] and denotes "remaining within the sphere of," it could be illustrated as a dot residing within the sphere of a circle. The word *en* indicates being within the sphere of, with the idea of rest and continuance. Our new position is within the sphere of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- The word "no" is the Greek adjective [*ouden*], from [*oudeis*]. [*Ouden*] implies "not one, not at all, in no respect"
- Those in Christ Jesus cannot be condemned in the same way Jesus cannot be condemned.

Monday Evening

Law Cancels Law: 8:2

- What is the implication of there being No condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus?
- **Newton's first law** of motion.
An object at rest remains at rest, or if in motion, remains in motion at a constant velocity unless acted on by a net external force.
- God used the Law of the Spirit of life which is more powerful to counter the law of sin and death which is not as powerful.
- We are therefore free from the power of the law of sin having died to sin

Tuesday Morning

Thesis statement: Whose Freedom?

No condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

We were bound by the law of sin and death just as we're bound by the law of gravity. It was holding us as slaves to the flesh. However, since the law of gravity cannot be avoided, it can only be overcome by the proper application of higher natural laws, such as the principle of aerodynamics. Aerodynamics doesn't negate gravity, it only overcomes its force. Constant submission to the Law of the Spirit leads to freedom from the power of sin

Tuesday Evening

Thesis statement. Baptism of the Holy Spirit: The Most Urgent Need

The way this chapter begins and ends- It begins with **No Condemnation in Christ** (v. 1) and ends with **No Separation from Christ** (v. 39).

The emphasis this chapter gives on role of the Holy Spirit is obvious. The Greek word *pneuma*, translated Spirit, is found only 5 times in chapters 1-7 and 8 times in chapters 9-16, but it occurs 21 times in chapter 8 alone, more often than in any other single chapter in the NT.

In Romans 8 the concept of the Spirit is a common place thing.

- * He gives us life
- * He helps us fight sin
- * He resurrects the dead
- * He gives us power over sin
- * He gives us identity
- * He adopts us as heirs
- * He gives us hope of resurrection
- * He assists us in prayer

Wednesday morning

Romans 8: 3 The powerlessness of the Law

- The Law was **“weak through the flesh.”**
- The word **“weak”** is translated from the Greek verb *asthenei* and means, **“to be weak, without strength, powerless.”**
- The mood for this verb is the indicative, the tense is the imperfect and it is in the active voice, third person singular.
- Indicative mood of the verb *asthenei*, is used to make an indisputable statement, there should be no debate that the law is weak.
- The imperfect tense is implying a continuous past action, the law was weak when it was first established, and it continues to be weak today.
- The active voice is expressing that the subject, the law, is doing the action that results in weakness.

Wednesday Evening

Topic: In order that

Romans 8:3–4, Paul addresses the resolution of a threefold problem through the coming of God's Son.

* Sin

* The weakness of the flesh . . . condemnation of sin in the flesh (Rm 8:3).

* The incapability of the law through the fulfilment of the requirement of the law (Rm 8:4).

* The Law of God cannot be satisfactorily kept by one with the law Sin and death reigning in him or her.

* Even if we kept it perfectly it does not measure to what the Law requires.

God did fulfil the requirement of the Law through His Son who kept the Law perfectly and died to fulfil the requirement.

* Those in Christ Jesus who walk in the Spirit will have the requirement of the Law fulfilled in them by Jesus Christ.

Thursday Morning

Topic: πνευμα υιοθεσιας: Mystery of Eternal security

- We have received the Spirit that makes us the object of God's love.
- We can affectionately cry out to our daddy, or papa and he hears us.
- We have been adopted in the family of God not because God does not have a son. He has. He does not need to adopt but he has adopted us.
- The spirit of Adoption is a down payment for the whole purchase.

Friday Morning

Topic: He that spared not his Son.

- God withheld not, he kept not his Son.
- God abandoned his Son in my favour.
- He died that I may live
- He died outside the city that I may have room in the City
- He hanged on the cross so that I may be free
- He was stripped naked so that I may be clothed with his righteousness
- Darkness encircled him so that I may walk in the light.

Friday Evening

Topic: Who can successfully prosecute charges against the elect of God?

It is only God that justifies.

Who can condemn the elect?

It is Jesus who died for them, rose and is ministering in the heavenly sanctuary on their behalf.

- God is the King of the Universe
- His son Jesus is our Elder brother through the spirit of Adoption
- Jesus is the Judge
- He also is our Advocate

Who can successfully prosecute a case against the elect of God

Sabbath Morning

Topic: the Indissoluble bond

- Christ became man forever.
- God was in Christ reconciling the World to himself.
- Those in Christ Jesus are bound to God by strong chords of Love that cannot be broken.
- It is not possible for anything or anybody to separate us from the Love of God.
- We may be separated from things, places, people and even life, but all these have powerless to separate us from the love of God.
- Therefore in all things we are Conquerors in or through Him who loved us.

Sabbath Afternoon Q&A

My Utmost for His Highest.

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