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**Christ’s All-Inclusive Gift of Salvation**

­*-are you enjoying all of its privileges? -*

Romans 8:1-13

Sometimes we become so familiar with what we have in Christ that we overlook and underappreciate the extent of his generosity towards us. This is why it is important to both personally and corporately as a church family regularly remind ourselves of the privileges that are ours through our union with Christ.

**Three amazing privileges that are part of Christ’s all-inclusive gift of salvation:**

**1. A new ­­freedom (vs. 1-4)**

- from condemnation (vs. 1) and the law of sin and death (vs.2)

-we were all under condemnation and in slavery to sin (Rom. 6:20)

-everyone is born positionally guilty before God, separated from God (Rom. 3:9-12, 23) and deserving of his wrath (Rom. 6:23, Eph. 2:1-3)

-it is only through Jesus Christ and what he has done for us through his life, death and resurrection that we enjoy this freedom

-the condemnation we deserved has already been paid in full by Christ. Therefore, we are no longer condemned but justified (Rom. 5:1)

*-we are free from the fear of judgment to live according to the Spirit –*

**2. A new mindset (vs. 5-8)**

-there is a direct link between how one lives and how one thinks (vs. 5)

-living according to the flesh flows out of a mindset consumed with satisfying the desires and thoughts of our sinful nature (Eph. 2:3)

-living according to the Spirit flows out of a mindset focused on pleasing and responding to the leading of the Spirit

-with our new mindset, we are able to submit to God and please him

-A mindset has eternal consequences; the mind of sinful man is death (now and forever) (vs. 6) but the mind governed by the Spirit enjoys life (now and forever) and peace (vs. 6)

*-with our new mindset we are now able to please God-*

**3. A new indwelling presence (vs. 9-11)**

-two gifts of salvation include eternal life (Jn. 3:16, Rom. 6:23) and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts. 2:38-39)

-the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit is what distinguishes us from those who are living in the domain of darkness

Through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit we experience the joy of assurance

-vs. 9 that we are ‘in Christ’ (Rom. 8:14-16, Eph. 1:13-14)

-vs. 10 that we have new creation life (2 Cor. 5:17-18a)

-vs 11 that our future resurrection is secure (1 Cor. 15:51-52, Phil. 3:20-21, 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

*-we can rest in the assurance the Holy Spirit brings-*

A new freedom, a new mindset, a new indwelling presence, all ours to enjoy because of Christ’s all-inclusive salvation paid in full through his sacrificial death on the cross on our behalf!