

# Romans: Lesson 11

## Freedom in Christ

**Lesson Text:** Romans 8:1-17

**Background Text:** Ezekiel 11:16-21; 36:26-28; 37:14; 39:28-29; Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Assignment:** Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times prior to class; if possible, reference multiple translations. Questions are provided below as an additional aid to prepare for class discussion.

### Study Guide Questions:

1. Read the background text. What did God promise regarding his Spirit? What did God desire *for* his people and *from* his people? How do the promises in Ezekiel correspond to the promises in Jeremiah?
2. Recall 6:4, “Sin shall not be master over you for you are not under law but under grace.” Compare with 8:1-4 and observe the connection of thought.
3. How did God provide freedom from condemnation? (8:1-4)
4. Who receives freedom from condemnation? (8:4)
5. Why is “the mind set on the flesh” “death”? Why is “the mind set on the Spirit” “life and peace”? (8:7-8)
6. What blessings are assured to you, “if the Spirit of God dwells in you”? (8:9-11)
7. What “debt” or “obligation” are we under, having been set free in Christ? (8:12-13)
8. What blessings are assured to us as “sons of God”? (8:14-17)
9. Recall 5:20-21 and the original question in 6:1, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?” How would you answer that question, now having studied all of 6:1-8:17?