

Romans 8 NIV abridged - script for performance with Romans 8 video

[words in bold performance suggestion for 2 people to speak together]

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1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
2 because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit who gives life.
has **set you free** from the law of sin and death.

(Hear the music change)

3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the **flesh**,
God did by sending his **own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, to be a sin offer-ing.

5 Those who live according to the **flesh**, have their minds set on what the flesh desires;
but those who live in accordance with the **Spirit**, have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

(Music change)

6 The mind governed by the flesh is **death**,
but the mind governed by the Spirit is **life**.

If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

10 But if Christ is in you, the **Spirit gives life**

11 And if the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ will
also give you **life**.

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12 Therefore, brothers and sisters...

14 those who are led by the Spirit of God are **children of God**.

15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, rather,
the Spirit you received brought about your **adoption** to sonship.

(music change - 1.31)

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And by him we cry, **'Abba, Father.'**

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are **God's children**.

17 Now if we are children,

then we are **heirs** –

heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ**,

if indeed we share in his sufferings,

in order that we may also share in his glory.

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Present suffering and future glory

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing
with the glory that will be revealed in us.

19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
and creation itself will be **liberated** from its bondage to decay

22 [for] we know that the whole creation
has been groaning as in the **pains of childbirth**.

23 and we ourselves, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our **adoption** to **sonship**.
24 For in this hope we were saved.

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(2.28)

26 And the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
We do not know what we ought to pray for,
but the Spirit himself **intercedes** for us through wordless groans,
in accordance with the will of God.
[2.40 - music change]

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28 And we know,
that in **all things**
God works for the good of those who love him,
called according to his purpose.

29 For those God foreknew,
he also **predestined**

30 And those he predestined, he also **called**;
(2.55 - Beat comes in)

those he called,
he also **justified**;
those he justified, he also **glorified**.

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31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?

(3.10 - Music chance)

32 He who did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for us all,
how will he not also (along with him)
graciously give us
all things!

33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?
It is God who justifies.

34 Who then is the one who condemns?
No one.

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35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble,
or hardship
or persecution or famine
or nakedness,

or danger
or sword?

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37 No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors**, through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither

death nor life,

neither **angels nor demons**,

neither the **present or** the **future**,

nor any powers,

39 neither **height** nor **depth**,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the **love of God**

that is in **Christ Jesus our Lord**.

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