A LIFE OF LIBERTY Romans 8 - Part 1 September 25, 2016

To Overcome And Find Freedom From The Feeling That: "I'm no good..."

1. Hear God's PROMISE.

Romans 8:1 (NIV) "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..."

God does not condemn the <u>REPENTANT</u> sinner.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

What does it mean that God doesn't condemn you?

God is not <u>ANGRY</u> with you.

Psalm 103:13-14 (NIV) "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; ¹⁴ for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust."

• God does not PUNISH you.

Psalm 103:10-12 (TLB) "He has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins, ¹¹ for His mercy toward those who fear and honor Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹² He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west."

God does not <u>REJECT</u> you.

Psalm 94:14 (NIV) "For the Lord will not reject His people; He will never forsake His inheritance."

• God does not keep His BLESSINGS from you.

Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

2. See God's PROCESS.

The 3 - part process is:

You CAN'T!

God CAN!

Here's HOW!

Romans 8:2 (NIV) "...because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."

One <u>LAW</u> set me free from another <u>LAW</u>.

The law of the <u>SPIRIT WHO GIVES LIFE</u> OVERCOMES

The law of SIN AND DEATH

Romans 8:3-4 (NIV) "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 offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

God did five things to secure this freedom from our sin...

- He sent HIS SON.
- In the likeness of <u>SINFUL FLESH</u>.
- To be a <u>SIN OFFERING</u>.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

- He <u>CONDEMNED</u> sin in the flesh.
- He <u>FULFILLED</u> the righteous law in us.