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“Now”...

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Not less condemnation. NO CONDEMNATION. None at all. This is stronger than a simple “no” in the original Greek. ‘No not none at all!’

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“In Christ Jesus”...

People who have put their faith in Jesus!

EPHESIANS 2:1-18; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

“The law of the Spirit of life” vs “the law of sin and death”...

The Gospel, that is the law of the Spirit, brings life... The law of the flesh brings sin and death.

And what has the law of the Spirit of life done? “Has set you free in Christ Jesus”...

Not that it will finally, one day set you free. It HAS set you free. You are free from the law of sin and death!

→ **This is the very _____ of the _____!**

Lord, help us believe this!

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→ **This is the very heart of the Gospel!**

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