MAKING OUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE: NO CONDEMNATION Romans 8:1-17

THE UNSAVED

...live constantly under condemnation vs. 1 ... are slaves to the law of sin and <u>death</u> vs. 2 ... are unable to fulfill the law's righteous demands vs. 4 ... are fixed on sinful desires which lead to death vss. 5-6 ... in their minds, are in open hostility to God vs. 7 ... are unwilling AND unable to submit to God vs. 7 ...under the control of the sin nature, cannot please God vs. 8 (See also Gal. 5:19-21)

THE UNSAVED

...do not have the Spirit of Christ, therefore do not belong to Christ vs. 9

...do not know the indwelling of the Holy Spirit nor His power at work in them vs. 11

...still have an obligation to the sinful nature vs. 12 ...are not children of God vs. 14

... are slaves to fear vs. 15

THE UNSAVED

...do not enjoy intimacy with the Father Vs. 15 ...are not heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ vs. 17 ...will not share in His glory vs. 17

The unbeliever's Judgment Day still lies ahead. The believer's Judgment Day is behind them, at the Cross (D. Jeremiah)

AS A RESULT, THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST

...no longer face condemnation vs. 1 ...are free of the law of sin and death and its impossible demands vs. 2

...benefit from the deep, deep love of God in Christ Jesus, and have Christ's righteousness credited to our account vs. 3-4

...live now in the power of the Holy Spirit vs. 4

THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST

...(truly having been made new) desire what the Spirit desires vs. 5 (See Gal. 5:22-23)

...fix their minds in life and peace, for the present and the future $\ vs.\ 6$

... are mindfully in submission to God vs. 7

...can know the joy of pleasing God vs. 8

...serve as a temple of the indwelling Holy Spirit vs. 9

THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST

...are guaranteed by the Spirit that we belong to Christ vs. 9

...though our bodies are dead - are alive because of His righteousness vs. 10

...have the same power at work in us that was at work in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ vs. 11

... are expected to – and empowered to – put to death the misdeeds of the body vs. 12-13

THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST

...can be confident in their 'sonship,' no longer living in fear vss. 14-15

...can experience intimacy with God Most High vs. 15

...are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus vss. 16-17 ...will one day share in His glory vs. 17

For additional reading, spend some quiet time today in Luke 15:11-32.

As you read, ask the Holy Spirit to remind you what you truly deserved and what riches have been afforded you in Christ Jesus.