

## The Spirit of Freedom Romans 8:1-4

*For the Christ follower, Jesus' sacrifice permanently changed our \_\_\_\_\_ with God from constant separation (with occasional reconciliation) to constant reconciliation (even with occasional straying on our part).*

**Discussion 1. What practical effect(s) are there for you, knowing that there is now “no condemnation” for those who are in Christ? How does this reality encourage you?**

*Political freedom, as important as it seems to us, pales in significance to the spiritual freedom we have in Christ. The former may last a lifetime (at best), but the latter is \_\_\_\_\_. Which kind of freedom will have your attention today?*

**Discussion 2. How would you describe your “freedom in Christ” to a non-believing friend? What difference does “freedom from the law of sin and death” make in your everyday life?**

*What your obedience to God's law can do: help you experience a deeper walk with Him once you have actually decided to begin that walk. What your obedience to God's law cannot do: move you (or anyone around you) into a \_\_\_\_\_ with God in the first place.*

**Discussion 3. How does thinking about your faith as a relationship help you better understand the place of “the law” in your life? Does this mean there is no place for the law in your life? Explain.**

*Christ followers do not obey God's Word in order to be set free from sin; we obey God's Word \_\_\_\_\_ we have been set free. It is an important distinction.*

**Discussion 4. How does obeying God's law help a Christ follower to experience Him better? Why do you think obeying God's law doesn't help a non-believer experience God?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**