



PART 8: DOPPELGANGER

Reading Romans is like the experience of a man groping in a dark church tower who reaches out to grab whatever he can – and grasps the rope that rings the bell that wakes up the entire community.

~ Karl Barth

If the Bible was a ring and the Book of Romans its precious stone, chapter 8 would be the sparkling point of the jewel.

~ Phiopp Jakob Spener (1635-1705)

Romans 8 carries the power of the gospel in every breath. If the church could hoist its sails and catch this wind, there is no knowing what might happen.

~ N. T. Wright

According to the Good News Paul proclaims, for those who are in Christ Jesus there is no divine condemnation, since the condemnation they deserve has already been fully borne for them by him.

~ Charles Cranfield

The moment we enter into this world and begin to live, we also begin to die. Your first breath is one of the last you will ever take! The principle of decay, leading to death, is in every one of us. Romans 8 offers us the only solution to this problem.

~ Martin Lloyd-Jones

There is a kind of life which leads to death, and there is a kind of death which leads to life.

~ John Stott

What the world calls life (a desirable self-indulgence) leads to alienation from God which in reality is death, whereas the putting to death of all perceived evil within us, which the world sees as an undesirable self-abnegation, is in reality the way to authentic life.

~ John Stott

Every Christian really is “in the Spirit” – under his domination and control. As Romans 8 points out, we many not always reflect that domination, but it is a fundamental fact of our Christian existence and the basis for a life of confidence and obedience to the Lord.

~ Douglass Moo

There is NOW no condemnation. The verdict of the last day has been brought forward into the present. This is, quite simply, the solid foundation for Christian joy.

~ N. T. Wright

No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th’ eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.
Amazing Love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

~ The Apostle Paul