



Seventh Day Adventist Church Inter-European Division

Sabbath School Ministry

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Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson no.: 09 **25 November – 1 December 2017**

Title: **No Condemnation**

Key texts: ***Romans 8:1-17.***

A. Themes to Explore:

1. The argument Paul started in Romans 5:10 continues through all of chapter 8. Now the theme is freedom from sin and condemnation. This freedom is the fruit of the presence of the Holy Spirit and of Christ in us.
2. Romans 8:1-4 sets out God's plan of salvation for His children: to forgive them, redeem them, make them powerful and holy.
3. In Romans 8:5-17 Paul sets out the course we need to take through which the work of God may be realized in us.
4. The quality of our experience during this course depends on the way in which we manage our minds: how the mind governs the will.

B. Learning Objectives*

Know: Understand what is implied by 'the just shall live by faith' and what it means to be filled/clothed with the Spirit.

Feel: Build hope in the constant company of Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Do: Discover and experience the elements necessary in our walk with God that build communion and friendship with Him.

C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony**

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
 - 1a. Read Romans 8:1-4. What important points does this text make about the lifestyle of the Christian?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
 - 2a. What conditions must be met in us in order to enjoy forgiveness and redemption?
 - 2b. What does it mean and imply to be "under the control of the Spirit" and "walk in the Spirit"?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
 - 3a. How can we achieve the status of being "*in Christ*" and experience the presence of the Spirit? What part does each person play in this? What obstacles need to be overcome and conquered? What 'levers' (helpful instruments) need to be put into action?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
 - 4a. What can we do as a group to help each other in this battle? How can we help those who are close to us?



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NOTES:

- * Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).
- ** To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.
- *** The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.