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Prayer Meeting Address by Mr. J. Délvès at "Ebenezer" Clapham on  
Saturday evening 10.1.76

Hymns 640, 1045

Reading Romans 8 (1-10 and 34-39)

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The Apostle is writing to a particular people, referred to in the first verse, of whom he could say, "There is no condemnation". No state or standing can be more blessed than this for they are a people who were appointed in the eternal purpose of God unto everlasting life, and the Lord is their God in their life and walk while here below, in their tribulations and afflictions, joys and sorrows and their destiny is a blessed one.

In the first verse the Apostle refers to them, but in the second verse he refers to his own personal case "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death". This is a wonderful thing. We may be able to see the blessedness of the redeemed of the Lord and their eternal safety and happiness but may have many questionings, doubts and fears about our own case. This may seem to hang upon an uncertainty as to what the ultimate issue may be, but this was not the case with the Apostle Paul - it "hath made me free", delivered me from all condemnation. What a blessed state to be in and to feel a personal hope of interest in the everlasting Gospel. These people, many of them, are now in glory, for there is no condemnation. If this can apply to you and me we shall be in heaven one day, joining the countless multitude whom no man can number. O beloved friends it is a mercy of mercies to have a hope in the Gospel and to feel it and to be able to say this law "hath made me free from the law of sin and death". This is followed up; it will affect the life and walk and conversation, for they "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit". "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins". Formerly you walked according to the course of this world but now are made nigh by the blood of Christ. May it be true of every one of us, if the Lord will, that we come in the first verse and bear some evidence of it in our life, walk and conversation. We shall not be saved on the ground of our conduct as a foundation but we shall be saved, if we are, through the merit of a precious Christ Who loved us and gave Himself for us. O may the Lord mercifully grant it to us and bless our souls this night. Amen.