

Romans 8:1-4

Author

- The author of the book of Romans was the apostle Paul.
- Paul was a Roman citizen from the city of Tarsus (which is in present-day Turkey).
- He was a tentmaker as well as a religious leader—a Pharisee, trained under the famous first-century rabbi Gamaliel.

Date Written

- Paul wrote Romans around the year AD 57, possibly while in the city of Corinth on his third missionary journey.
- Paul stayed in Corinth for about a year and a half.

Paul is saying that a new and wonderful life opens out before those who put their trust in Christ and that this depends heavily on the work of the Spirit of God.

Romans 8 is famous for its focus on the Holy Spirit. The word 'spirit' (Gk. *pneuma*) occurs twenty-one times in the chapter.

No Condemnation: The Spirit and the Law (8:1–4)

The Holy Spirit enables the believer to “walk in the Spirit” and thereby meet God’s holy commands.

No Obligation: The Spirit and the Flesh (8:5–17)

It was the Spirit who convicted us and showed us our need of the Savior. It was the Spirit who imparted saving faith, who implanted the new nature within us, and who daily witnesses within that we are God’s children.

“You matter to God and you matter to us!”

The Spirit of God...

- Shows us our sin and makes us humble.
- Shows us our sonship and makes us bold.

1 The Spirit of God is not a spirit of **FEAR**.

2 The Spirit of God is a Spirit of **ADOPTION**.



Recommendations based on the sermon

- **Psalm 23- Matt Chandler**
- **The Power of Knowing God- Tony Evans**
- **Attributes of God- Steve Lawson**
- **Mission Possible- Tim Tebow (Youth)**
- **Friends & Heros (Kids)**

Recommended Books

Reunion by Bruxy Cavey

What do you think of me? Edward Welch

Winning the War in Your Mind by Craig Groeschel

Resources Used

Paul for Everyone by NT Wright

The Bible from 30,000 feet

Wiersbe’s Expository Outlines

IVP Bible Background NT

The Bible Speaks Today

The Expositor’s Bible Commentary

The IVP Bible Background Commentary