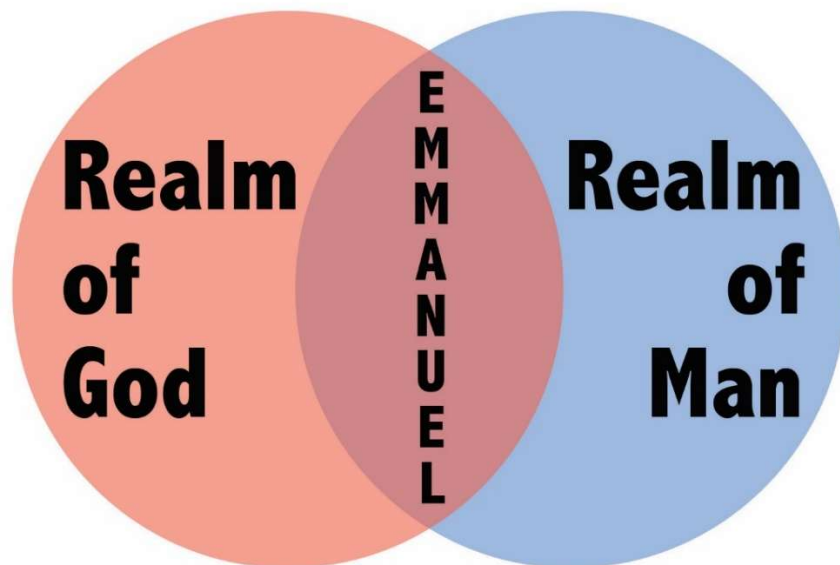


Written by Paul from Corinth's port to Rome
Wednesdays in Christ - Gary Allen Henecke DD

Colossians 1:19-20 God resolved that all fullness dwell in him; and through him to reconcile all that is to himself, everything in heaven and everything on earth, making peace through his blood on the cross.



II Corinthians 5:19 God was in Christ reconciling the cosmos to himself, not holding our misdeeds against us; and entrusting to us with this message of reconciliation.

Original readers: A Christian church is already established in Rome. Paul hoped to visit them for the first time - Why? Probably the most important work ever written on the theory and practice of Christian life - thought. It has had a profound impact on Christians throughout history. It describes our ever-present sinful condition, God's plan to rescue all humankind. Romans 15:26 *For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem; they were pleased to do it, and indeed they are in debt to them, for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.* This gives us the timing of this letter - written from (Romans 16:1-5) Today Cenchræa is known as 'Kechries', and it is situated on the coast about five miles from modern Corinth.

1. Scribe: I Tertius, *the writer of this letter ἐπιστολῆν, greet you in the Lord.* (Rom 16:22 RSV)
2. When written: Acts 19:21 Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

“In Christ – Jesus”

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* (RSV - ESV - NET). Some (like NIV) simply shift the “therefore” to first word location.

Romans 8:1 Οὐδὲν ἄρα νῦν κατάκριμα τοῖς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

1. Οὐδὲν - none - no
2. ἄρα - consequently - In conclusion
3. νῦν - right now - in the present - currently - a condition now existing
4. κατάκριμα - guilt - condemnation
5. τοῖς - those persons
6. ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ -

^{RSV} Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.

ὁ γὰρ νόμος τοῦ πνεύματος τῆς ζωῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠλευθέρωσέν σε ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου τῆς ἁμαρτίας καὶ τοῦ θανάτου.

^{NET} Romans 8:2 For the law of the life-giving Spirit in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

^{ESV} Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

1. ὁ γὰρ νόμος - for the Law - nominative subject
2. τοῦ πνεύματος - genitive or possessive - because the Spirit's Law
3. ἐν Χριστῷ ἠλευθέρωσέν ᾧ Ἰησοῦ - in Christ Jesus
4. ἠλευθέρωσέν - ἠλευθέρωσέν verb indicative aorist active 3rd person singular from ἐλευθερώω - 8:32, 36; Ro 6:18, 22; 8:2, 21; Gal 5:1. - to release
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Discussion:

1. Kingdom of God - Heaven.
2. The revelation of the resurrection.
3. New Creation - eternal life - eternity.

Galatians 6:15 *For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.*