

St James C of E

PARISH OF ROUNDS GREEN

Sunday 12 July
2020



Worship Songs

click on the picture, the link or the title – You Tube (you may need to skip the ads)



And Can It Be

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu2uA6U4Fvg>



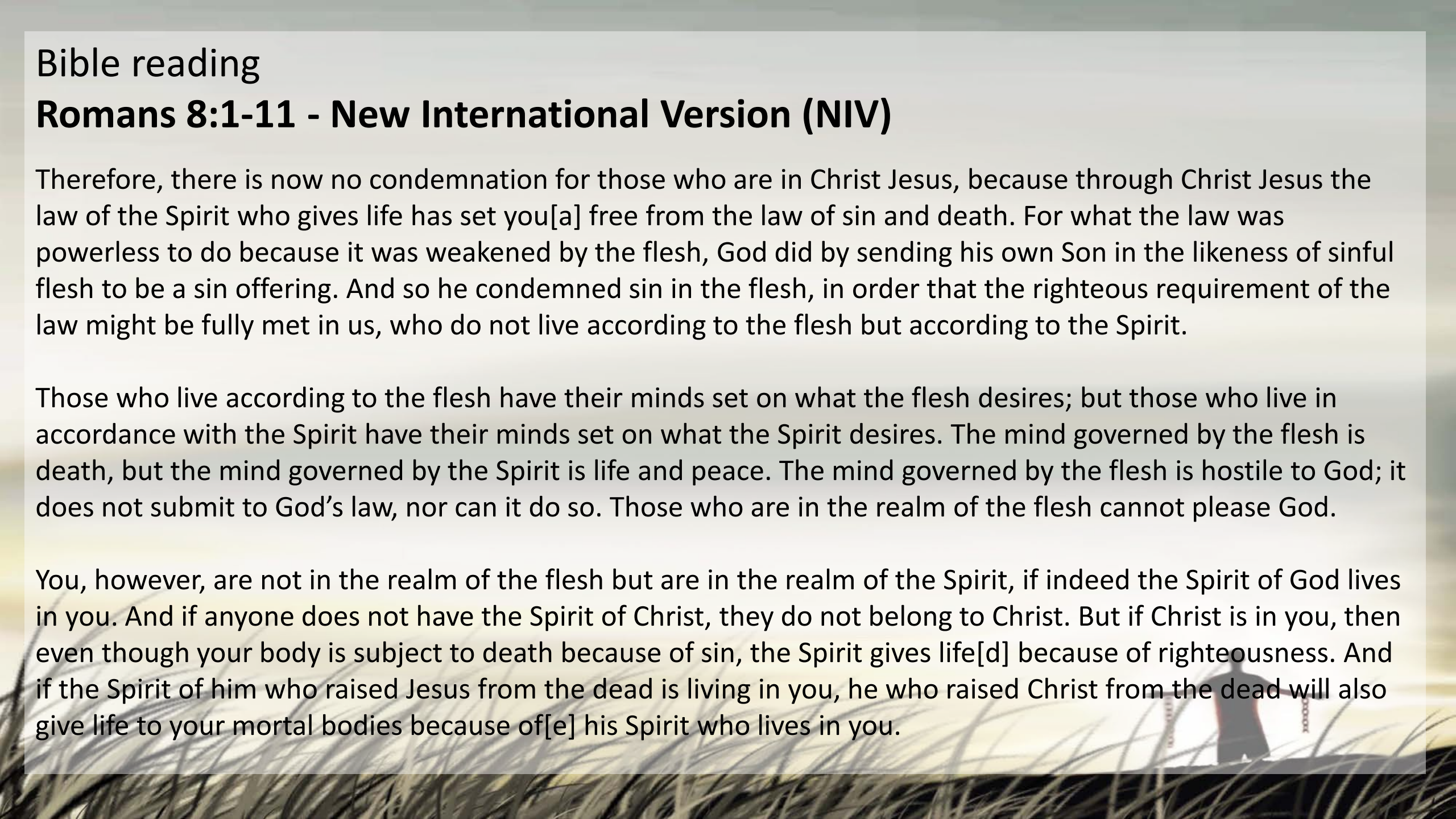
Bible reading

Romans 8:1-11 - New International Version (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[a] free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life[d] because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of[e] his Spirit who lives in you.



Bible reading Rom7v15-25

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCn2spULgxE>



Worship Songs

click on the picture, the link or the title – You Tube (you may need to skip the ads))



[Amazing Grace \(My Chains\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuljtFoEFR8)

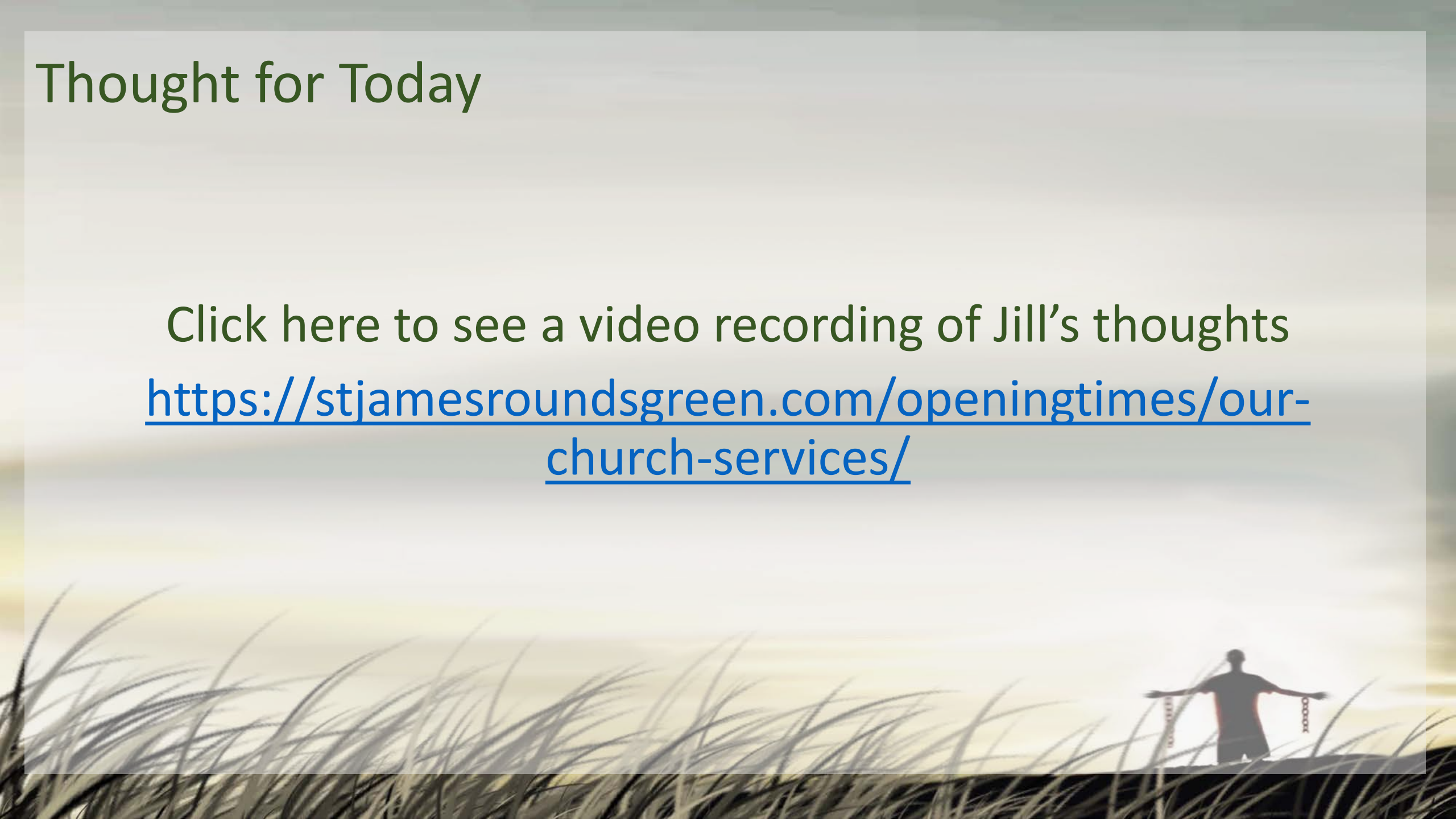
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuljtFoEFR8>



Thought for Today

Click here to see a video recording of Jill's thoughts

<https://stjamesroundsgreen.com/openingtimes/our-church-services/>



Thought for Today

1

TRINITY 5 SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020

By Jill Macdonald

Rom 8v1-11

GUILT!

This morning I'd like us to consider the question, 'Do we ever feel guilty about anything?'

I think we'd pretty much all agree that we all have personalities which are unique to each one of us; although there will be similarities between us as well as differences.

So, an easy example would be extrovert people, who are, to varying degrees, outgoing, chatty, love to socialise, and introvert people who, again to varying degrees, prefer their own company and are usually much quieter.

When it comes to feeling guilty about something, I think that we probably all feel guilty to varying degrees as well.

I know, for example, that I will be much more consumed with guilt about something than John.....which, I suppose, is not surprising as we are so very different and respond to happenings or situations very differently.

If I think I've upset someone, or not done something I should have, or done something I shouldn't have, I'm consumed with guilt and mither a lot about how I can put things straight.

Thought for Today

Rom 8v1-11

John not so much!

I'm not saying this to point the finger at him.....we're just different: we're even different in how we express our Christian faith.

But I do think it would be true to say that some of us are prone to feeling more guilty than others.

However, the fact is that everyone in the human race is guilty, and therefore condemned, because we all repeatedly break God's holy law.

Condemned! Not a heart-warming word!

What is our understanding of condemnation?

Well, I looked up 'condemn' in the dictionary and it says: to pronounce guilty, to blame, to sentence to punishment or to an unpleasant fate.

I'm sure we've all watched films where, after a court room trial someone is found guilty and condemned to death: and, indeed, in certain states in America, the death penalty is still a reality. Some people have been living on 'death row' for years, condemned and waiting to die.

Thought for Today

3

Rom 8v1-11

The thing is, while most people are oblivious to it, often Christians included, the day is coming, we don't know when but it's definitely going to come, when we will all have to stand in the court room of Almighty God. Furthermore, we're told in the book of Revelation that 'Books' will be opened, and each person is going to be judged according to what he or she has done: everything written in the books.

So, how have you all done so far today? Has every thought you've had been holy and pure? I know my thoughts haven't been too awful but completely holy and pure.....I think not! And I haven't asked about words spoken (including the way they've been spoken), or what we've done: and by the end of the day all of it will have been written in God's court room book!

How're you doing? Glad you came this morning??? Feel lifted and joyful so far???? Stay with me – there's better news coming!

I only want to focus on verse one in our Romans reading today which says, 'There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.'



Thought for Today

Rom 8v1-11

‘Those who are in Christ Jesus’ are all people who have made a deliberate choice to follow him; to have him as their master; they are people who study the Bible to find out how he wants us to live; and then undergo the hard work, with the Holy Spirit’s help of course, of being transformed into his likeness: so that when we, and all people, stand in Almighty God’s court room we who are in Christ Jesus will be declared not guilty!

Someone once told me to imagine that, as our list of offences is being read out for all to hear, Jesus comes along, puts his arm around us and says, ‘It’s OK Dad: one of ours.’

A bit fanciful you think??? May be?

But if we are in Christ Jesus we will not be condemned and sent for punishment.

Jesus has already taken the punishment that should have been ours at Calvary!

You know it makes me feel like jumping up and down with enthusiasm because this is so brilliant, so fantastic, so awesome, incredible, wonderful, amazing.....

The verse in ‘And can it be’ (screen) should be a reality in how we live day to day.....living with a confidence of our security in Christ.

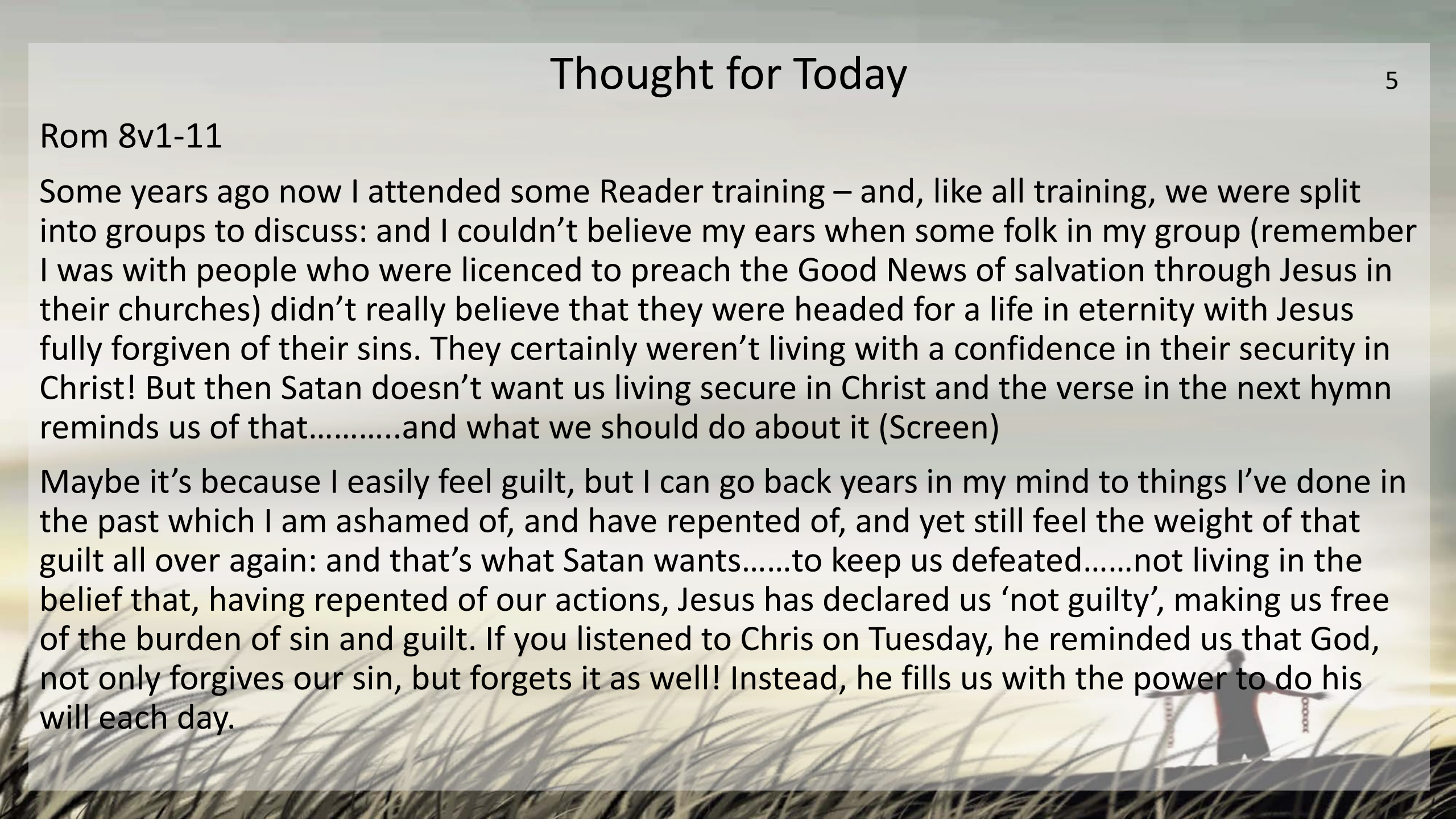


Thought for Today

Rom 8v1-11

Some years ago now I attended some Reader training – and, like all training, we were split into groups to discuss: and I couldn't believe my ears when some folk in my group (remember I was with people who were licenced to preach the Good News of salvation through Jesus in their churches) didn't really believe that they were headed for a life in eternity with Jesus fully forgiven of their sins. They certainly weren't living with a confidence in their security in Christ! But then Satan doesn't want us living secure in Christ and the verse in the next hymn reminds us of that.....and what we should do about it (Screen)

Maybe it's because I easily feel guilt, but I can go back years in my mind to things I've done in the past which I am ashamed of, and have repented of, and yet still feel the weight of that guilt all over again: and that's what Satan wants.....to keep us defeated.....not living in the belief that, having repented of our actions, Jesus has declared us 'not guilty', making us free of the burden of sin and guilt. If you listened to Chris on Tuesday, he reminded us that God, not only forgives our sin, but forgets it as well! Instead, he fills us with the power to do his will each day.



Thought for Today

6

Rom 8v1-11

Sometimes it's good to remember the past, if only to be filled with thanksgiving for what God has given us, or got us through, but it's so wrong to live in the past.

In Isaiah 45 God tells us to 'not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not see it?'

We should feel guilty about our sin.....but that guilt should take us to our knees in honest repentance. But having done that we should rise up and live our lives as forgiven, thankful, rejoicing people.

Upward I look and see him there

Who made an end of all my sin

Because my sinless Saviour died

My sinful soul is counted free.

For God the just is satisfied

To look on him and pardon me.

Hallelujah!! What a Saviour!

Amen



Prayers

1

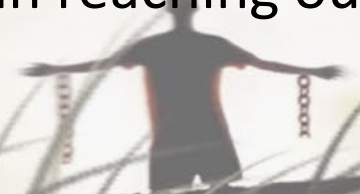
Intercessions for Trinity 5 - Sunday 12 July 2020

God of wisdom and understanding, be with us, and all churches, as we seek to understand your purpose and your will. Grow us into people who recognise their need to come to you regularly in repentance and who, afterwards, truly walk in the light of forgiveness.

We ask, Lord, that in the months ahead we will see real growth in our fellowship here at St James, both in numbers and spiritual maturity. We pray that you will prevent us from being inward looking; and, instead give us your love for those in our community; together with the courage and boldness to invite people to join us.

Supernaturally arrange for us to meet those whom you are calling into the kingdom at this time; and keep us alert and awake to respond to your promptings in reaching out to others.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer



Prayers

2

God of endurance and reliability, many places and many people in your world have lived through long years of awfulness: awfulness which seems to have no respite and no end. Suffering, in all its various forms, just seems to go on and on. We can feel helpless and hopeless.

We ask, that through a mighty outpouring of you Holy Spirit around the world, more and more people will be convicted of the need for reconciliation, generosity and peace. May your Church in all lands lead the way; and have a powerful catalytic effect inspiring change which will benefit the good of all.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

3

God of hope and consolation, we ask you to be present with all those in our community who have lost their jobs and income due to the pandemic. We pray that you will open up new opportunities for them to give them renewed purpose and an easing of their anxiety and stress.

We pray for families who are struggling to survive and worried about where their next meal will come from. May we see your hand at work through many mini-miracles, as provision for them appears unexpectedly.

For many living around our church the future looks scary and uncertain: use us we pray, in whatever way you require, to show them your comfort, peace and practical help where we can.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

4

God of life and peace, we ask you to deal tenderly with all who are suffering, whether in body, mind or spirit and we remember them in the silence.....

Strengthen and sustain all who are in pain or weighed down and we ask especially that you will be alongside all who weep and mourn.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



Worship Songs

click on the picture, the link or the title – You Tube (you may need to skip the ads)



[Before the Throne](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNfgdLIm3YQ)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNfgdLIm3YQ>

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n> 4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29IxnsqOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM
- Do It Again https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQIITxU

If you'd like to make a song suggestion message us on the Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesroundsgreen>



Lively Uplifting Songs - to dance around the kitchen to or bop in your chair

- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLjNQ>
- Falling Into You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsthBWtxAI>
- Dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf_fYDU
- This is Living <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTojDT3Ky2c>
- Real Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xUI7aVsQ>
- Deep Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIX19TfG07U>
- Backseat Driver https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME_Q5V82Us
- Love Broke Thru <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42ykMcndeo>
- Move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX1G71WK-FA>

If you'd like to make a song suggestion message us on the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesroundsgreen>

