

## **No Condemnation in Christ Jesus**

### **Rom 8:1-8**

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.  
NKJV

#### I. No Condemnation

##### A. There is condemnation for some

1. John 3:18-21 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." NKJV

a. These are the words of Jesus

b. These verses come right after John 3:16

##### B. Paul has already told us the reason

1. Rom 3:23-25 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, NKJV
2. Rom 5:6-11 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not

only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. NKJV

C. But what does it mean condemnation

1. John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." NKJV
2. John 5:24 Life and Judgment Are Through the Son "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. NKJV
3. 1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. NKJV
4. "Here," says Mr. Haldane on the passage, "it is often remarked that the apostle does not say, that there is in them (believers) neither matter of accusation, nor cause of condemnation; and yet this is all included in what he does say. And afterward, in express terms, he denies that they can be either accused or condemned, which they might be, were there any ground for either. All that was condemnable in them, which was sin, has been condemned in their Surety, as is shown in the third verse." (from Barnes' Notes, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1997 by Biblesoft)

II. To Those Who Are In Christ Jesus

- A. The union between Christ and his people is compared to that between the vine and its branches (John 15:1-6), and hence, believers are said to be in him in a similar sense, as deriving their support from him, and as united in feeling, in purpose, and destiny. (from Barnes' Notes, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1997 by Biblesoft)
- B. John 15:1-6 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. NKJV
- C. The abiding is not so much a condition to being in Christ as it is a characteristic.
- D. Those who are in Christ will, naturally, without compulsion, abide in Him.
- E. Chapter 8 of Romans is one of confidence.

1. Paul wants believers to have an assurance of God's grace.
2. He wants them to understand the power of God's work on their behalf.
3. Many church people go through never having a solid understanding of the believer's relationship to God through Jesus Christ.
4. What a grand bold statement here by Paul "No Condemnation"

### III. Who Walk Not According to the Flesh

- A. Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. NKJV
- B. Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God
  1. The one is not a result but rather the indicator of the other.
  2. The Christian life is not something we strive to live up to but rather a life that once we are truly in Christ that He keeps us by His power and the world cannot have dominion over us.

### IV. But According to the Spirit

- A. Paul here further distinguishes the moving forces in our lives,
  1. The flesh is one.
    - a. It is weak and leads to the wrong things.
    - b. If given total control it brings death. Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, NKJV
  2. The Spirit is the other.
    - a. This is the Spirit of God that was given us when we were saved.
    - b. He leads us and guides us into what is righteous and just.
    - c. Those who walk according to the Spirit are those who follow His leading.
    - d. They do not grieve the Spirit by shameless actions.
    - e. And following the Spirit's leadership, we are kept by the power of God.
- B. Now all this seem to contradict what Paul said in the end of chapter 7
  1. But the difference is that in chapter 7 he is talking about our weakness and

inability to have total victory over sin in our lives.

- a. In this life we shall never be free of temptation and occasional sin.
  - b. We fight a daily battle.
2. Here in chapter 8 we find that even though we cannot have complete victory over sin in our lives, yet because Jesus did, and because He took out place at calvary, there is no condemnation for us.
- a. Not because we finally got our act together.
  - b. Not because we finally achieved.
  - c. But rather because Jesus paid all that was due.

Do you know that you are not condemned today?

You might say but I have so many failures and sins in my life.

Or maybe you say, but I am so weak.

Others might say that they just do not think it is possible to know that you are going to make it until you get there.

1 John 5:11-13

11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. NKJV

Do you believe God's testimony.

He who has the Son has life.

That you may know that you have eternal life.