

THOUGHTS FOR SERMONS

"No Condemnation, a Comforting Thought"

Romans 8:1

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: There is a lot of discussion and beliefs about the security of the believer in Jesus Christ and many Christians are nervous and unsure at times about their salvation. If left up to some it would be impossible to be saved and left up to others, one could not know for sure if he/she was saved or not and others would have salvation dependent upon how perfect a person lived his/her daily life - and so on. There is one thing for sure and very clear about salvation and it is that it is very permanent and not dependent upon anything which a person can or cannot do to undo or add to it. This short verse in Romans 8:1 very clearly states the believer's security.

"...There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..."

1. "Therefore" takes one back to preceding thoughts.

- Jesus Christ has been set forth as "a propitiation" through faith in His blood (Romans 3:25)
- Jesus was delivered for OUR offences and raised again for OUR justification (Romans 4:25)
- Because of His obedience believers of all ages are made righteous, constituted so legally (Romans 5:19)
- Because believers have died (legally, judicially) to sin (Romans 6:2)
- Because they have died to the condemning power of the law (Romans 7:4)
- Because the believer is delivered from the curse, power of sin, guilt and death and is made free.
- There is *"...therefore now NO CONDEMNATION..."*

2. "..NOW no condemnation.

- God does not condemn the one who has trusted in His Son, Jesus Christ.
- The believer's position before God is IN CHRIST, not in his/her flesh.
 - In Adam, all are condemned BUT in Christ one is forever freed from all condemnation.
- There was a time when Christians, before they believed, were under condemnation.
 - By nature all are under the sentence of the law, therefore condemned.
 - However when one believes, he/she is then under GRACE and are then accepted in the Beloved.
- Believing in Jesus Christ gives one everlasting life and therefore he/she shall not come into condemnation.

3. "Condemnation" is a word which brings Justice into action.

- In the halls of human court rooms the word "condemnation" brings fear and sadness to those upon whom the word is pronounced.
- In God's court of Divine Justice is infinitely more solemn and threatening.
 - Every member of Adam's fallen race has been declared by God's Divine Justice as being condemned: conveyed in sin, shapen in iniquity
 - Every human being born enters into this world under arrest, an indicted criminal.
 - How is it possible for a person to escape the sentence of Divine Justice to be carried out?
 - There is only ONE way and that is by the removal from US that which brought about the sentence in the first place - SIN.
 - **Let guilt be removed and there can be NO condemnation.**

4. Has guilt been removed from the sinner who believes in Jesus Christ?

- *Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 43:25; Isaiah 38:17; Hebrews 10:17*

5. How can guilt be removed?

- Guilt can be removed ONLY by being transferred for Divine Holiness cannot ignore guilt.
 - Divine Grace could and did transfer the guilt of sin.
 - The sins of believers were transferred to Jesus Christ.
 - *"...The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all..." (Isaiah 53:6)*
 - *"...For He hath made Him to be sin for us..." (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

6. There is therefore NO condemnation.

- The NO signifies that there is NO condemnation whatsoever:
 - from the law
 - from inward corruption
 - because Satan brings charges
- There is no condemnation at all possible and never shall be.
 - There is no accusation because there is no imputation of sin.

7. NO condemnation to THEM which are in Christ Jesus.

- To be in Christ Jesus is to be perfectly identified with Him in the Judicial reckoning and dealings of God.
 - Immunity from condemnation does not depend in any wise upon one's walk but totally, solely on being in Christ Jesus.
 - The believer is in Christ as Noah was enclosed in the ark with all the heavens darkening above him, the waters beneath him heaving, yet not a drop of the flood penetrated the ark.

CONCLUSION:

1. Christian, take heart, turn a deaf ear to all who would challenge what Jesus has done and the pardon that God has given to all who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ.
2. Salvation is totally in the hands of almighty God and what He has declared will never be changed.
 - *"...There is therefore NO condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..."*