

NO LONGER CONDEMNED BY GOD

Romans 7:7- 8:1

Introduction: It's not an easy thing to always do what is right and anybody who tells you that he/she doesn't have any problem always doing the right thing is only fooling him/herself. We tend to put the apostles and people like them up on pedestals with the thought that they are our role models, if only we could be like them we'd never sin or do anything wrong. Well, as great as Paul is in the Christian world, he admitted that he struggled to do that which was right. His old human nature and his new spiritual nature fought constantly.

Paul came to the conclusion that in spite of his many failures to do the right thing, he was still not longer condemned by his old human nature that always did wrong.

- Jesus has been set forth "a propitiation through faith in His blood."
- Jesus was "delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification."
- By the obedience of Jesus (One), the many (believers) are made righteous in God's eyes.
- Believers have in God's eyes died to sin.
- Believers have in God's eyes died to the condemning power of the Law.

1. *"There is therefore now no condemnation."*

- Our hearts can no longer condemn us.
- We can no longer find anything within ourselves which is worthy of condemnation.
- God no longer condemns the one who has trusted in Jesus Christ for the saving of his/her soul.
- "In Jesus Christ" is the believer's position in God's eyes, not his/her fleshly condition anymore.

2. *"There is therefore NOW no condemnation."*

- There was a time when Christians, BEFORE they believed were under condemnation.
- By nature Christians were also under the sentence of the law, BUT are now "under God's grace."
- Under the Law, mankind is in Adam, but believers are in Jesus Christ.
- The believer, who is in Jesus Christ, has everlasting life and because of this, *"shall not come into condemnation."*
 - **"Condemnation"** is a word of tremendous importance:
 - In courtrooms the word "condemned" brings fear upon that one being convicted.
 - In God's court of Divine Justice, that word is infinitely more severe and terrible.
 - Every member of Adam's fallen race has been declared by God's Divine Justice as being "condemned" - under arrest, indicted, awaiting the carrying out of justice.
- How is it possible for such a condemned person to escape the carrying out of God's justice?
- There is ONLY ONE way and that is by removing that which caused God's sentence in the first place - SIN.
 - Let guilt be removed and there can then be "NO CONDEMNATION."
- Has guilt been removed from the sinner who believes in Jesus Christ?
 - *"As far as the east is from the west, so hath he removed our transgressions from us."*
 - *"I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions."*
 - *"Thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back."*
 - *"Thy sins and iniquities will I remember no more."*

3. ***"There is therefore now NO condemnation.."***

- No condemnation whatsoever, ever.
- No condemnation from the Law or on account of inward corruption or because Satan can bring a charge against us.
- There is NO source for ANY condemnation at all - none is possible - none will ever be because there can be no accusation because there is no imputation of sin by God.

4. ***"There is therefore now no condemnation to them WHICH ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.."***

- To be in Christ Jesus is to be perfectly identified with Him in the judicial dealings of God.
- To be in Christ Jesus is to be one with Him, united by the believer's faith.
- To be in Christ Jesus is to be as Noah was when enclosed within the ark, with the heavens darkening above him, the waters heaving beneath him, yet not a drop of the flood waters penetrated his vessel, not a blast of the storm disturbed him whatsoever.
- To be in Christ Jesus is to be forever freed from ALL condemnation.

CONCLUSION:

1. Every human being is born already condemned by God's justice to an eternity separated from God.
2. God, through His only begotten Son, Jesus, has satisfied the demands of His justice and made a way for mankind to be forgiven and to have an eternal life with Him.
3. Whenever a person obeys God's instructions pertaining to eternal life, that person is immediately made acceptable to God, by God's justice and ALL condemnation is removed and that person is placed "in Jesus Christ" in God's eyes.
4. Baptism of the believer is the visible act God uses to show other believers and the rest of the world that that person being baptized is now "in Jesus Christ" and is no longer condemned.
5. So, are you STILL condemned in GOD'S eyes?