

Living under No Condemnation

Romans 8:1-4

Introduction:

v1. Christians live under no condemnation

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

A. What does no condemnation mean?

#1. God does not _____ me when I sin

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out

1st - God's love for us is _____

Romans 9:15 I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion

2nd - Our acceptance by God is not based upon our _____

Romans 9:16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

3rd - Our acceptance is based upon our _____ in Christ

Romans 8:1 ...no condemnation for those ...in Christ Jesus.

#2. God isn't angry with me when I'm _____

1st - God _____ you

Psalms 103:14 For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.

2nd - Jesus _____ because He's been there

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help

#3. God does not _____ me when I sin

Romans 5:18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit

#4. God doesn't want me to condemn _____

1 John 3:19-20 We shall know by this that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before Him, 20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart...

Psalm 103:10-12 *He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

B. Why should I live good?

Romans 6:1 *Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? 2 May it never be! 15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!*

#1. You have a new _____ wanting to obey God

Romans 6:17 *But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart*

#2. Even though your sin will not affect your _____, it will affect your _____

C. What happens when a Christian sins?

#1. Sin brings _____ from God

John 16:8 *And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;*

#2. Sin _____ other people around us

1 Chronicles 21:17; 2 Sam 11

#3. Sin hurts us and destroys our _____

Galatians 6:7 *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.*

#4. Sin causes _____ to be broken

1 Corinthians 11:29 *For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.*

Psalm 51:12 *Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation,*

Nehemiah 8:10 *the joy of the Lord is your strength.*

#5. Our _____ to God is limited

2 Timothy 2:21 *...if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.*

#6. God lovingly _____ us as His children

Turn open to Hebrews 12:6-11

	<u>Punishment</u>	<u>Discipline</u>
<u>Purpose</u>	Pay back wrong	Promote growth
<u>Focus</u>	Past	Future
<u>Attitude</u>	Anger	Love
<u>Result</u>	Fear	Security

#7. We lose our _____ in heaven

2 Cor 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

But, what else happens to a Christian who sins?

The Holy Spirit is grieved Eph. 4:30 Our prayers go unanswered I Pet. 3:7
Our life becomes powerless I Cor. 9:27 Our praise is unacceptable Psalm 33:1
God's blessing is withheld Jer. 5:25 Our growth is hindered I Cor. 3:1-3
Our service is limited 2 Tim. 2:21 Our fellowship is polluted I Cor. 10:21
God is dishonored I Cor. 6:19-20

D. What should a Christian do when they sin?

#1. _____ Jesus has already paid for your sin

1 John 2:1 *My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*

#2. _____ your sin

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

To confess does not mean...

1 - to _____ 2 - to _____ 3 - to _____.

#3. Accept God's _____, forgive yourself and press on in your pursuit of Christlikeness

Philippians 3:13 *...but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

v2. Christians have been set free by the Spirit

2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

John 10:10 *I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly*

v 3. Christians have a Sufficient Savior

3 *For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,*

#1. The _____ couldn't set us free!

Acts 13:39 *through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.*
James 2:10 *For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

#2. Only God, through _____, can set us free!

2 Cor. 5:21 *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

v 4. Christians have a changed position and and a changed _____

4 *in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

Matt. 5:48 *you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Conclusion:

#1. Are you _____ Christ?

Eph 2:13 *But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

John 3:18 *He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

John 8:24, *...unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins*

John 3:36 *He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*

2 Thess. 1:7b-9 *...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power*

#2. Are you living _____ or under threat or guilt?

#3. Are you taking sin _____?

#4. Are you _____ Christ?

Next week read Rom. 8:5-11 what's the difference between believers and unbelievers