

No Condemnation

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Three truths every Christian needs to remember:

I. You can never be _____.

ROMANS 8:1-4 (ESV) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

A. There is nothing left to _____.

ROMANS 6:10 (NIV84) The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

COLOSSIANS 2:13 (NIV84) When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins

1 PETER 3:18a (NIV84) For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God...

B. There is nothing left to _____.

1 JOHN 4:18 (NIV84) There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

ISAIAH 53:5 [680 BC] (NIV84) But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

II. You can never lose God's _____.

ROMANS 8:5-8 (ESV) 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** set their minds on the things of the **Spirit**.⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the **Spirit** is life and peace.⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

A. There is nothing that can _____ you from God.

JOHN 10:27-28 (NIV84) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

ROMANS 8:37-39 (NIV84) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor

any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A. There is nothing that can _____ God's Spirit.

EPHESIANS 1:13 (NIV84) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised **Holy Spirit**,

EPHESIANS 4:30 (NIV84) And do not grieve the **Holy Spirit of God**, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:22 (NIV84) He anointed us, **set his seal** of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:5 (NIV84) Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the **Spirit** as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

III. You can never live the _____.

ROMANS 8:9-11 (ESV) You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A. There is nothing you can't _____.

COLOSSIANS 3:13 (NIV84) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn from this message?
2. Have you ever felt condemned as a Christian? How can you combat that feeling? What verses come to mind?
3. Read Romans 8:1 aloud. Re-read it several times emphasizing each word or phrase in that verse. How can this truth make a practical difference in your life?
4. Discuss the importance and benefits of having the Spirit of God sealed in your body as a Believer. Share verses on why the Spirit can never be taken away.
5. Talk about the difference having God's Spirit in you has made in your life; how are you different?
6. Thought Question: Who do you need to forgive? What is keeping you from doing that?

Next Week: Romans 8: 12-17