

No more Condemnation

One of the benefits of being a child of God is that there is no more condemnation from God. Our Father is not condemning us. Why? Because He has condemned Jesus on our behalf and if we have believed on Him, we are no longer under condemnation but above it.

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (KJV)*

- a) There is **NOW**, not tomorrow, not when you get all things right, measure, and shape up. This is speaking of right NOW, this very second.
- b) For those who are **IN** Christ (have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ), there is no condemnation. Being in Christ is talking about those who are born again as the ones **IN** Christ.
- c) There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus **PERIOD**. I know this passage continues on to say, “who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit,” but we need to understand that this phrase was simply borrowed from verse 4 where it is found and also truly belongs.
 - i) For one to have no condemnation, all it requires is that person being in Christ, which is the only requirement, nothing more.
- d) John 12:31 *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.*
 - i) What this verse is talking about is not that Jesus drew all men to Himself (which is why the word “men” was in italics), but rather He drew the judgment of the world

Jesus drew judgment that was for all of us unto Himself hence He drew all men unto Himself—men that would believe in Him.

One thing is certainly true, there is no more condemnation from God. Vertically, all condemnation is gone and removed but we still live in a physical world and we still get condemned—not by God but by other things namely:

1. Devil

- a) 1 Timothy 3:6 *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.*

2. Our hearts

Our heart is a combination of both the Soul and the Spirit man. Condemnation that comes out of our heart comes from the soulish part of our heart, not our born-again spirit.

- a) 1 John 3:20-21 *For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*