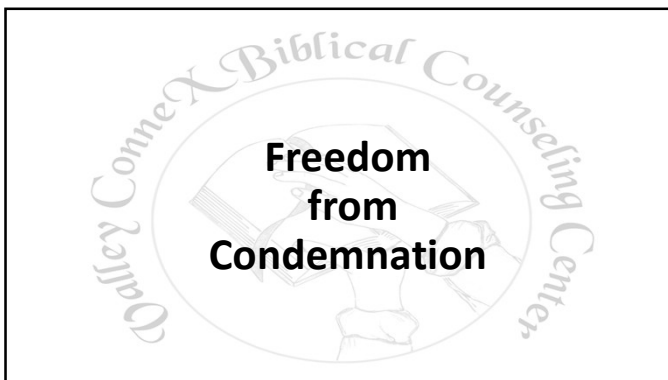
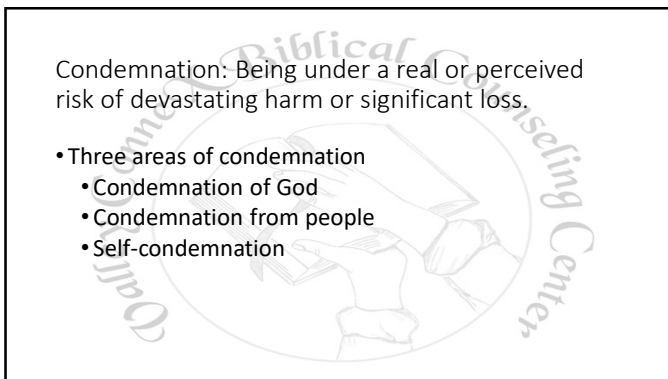


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Recognize and practice the difference between judgment and condemnation.

- Difference between experiencing the wrath of God and the judgment of God. Sodom and Gomorrah in contrast to the Exile.
- Difference between making and passing judgment and directing condemnation. 1 Corinthians 5
 - *“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;” (Luke 6:37, ESV)*

4

Condemnation of God

- *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” (John 3:16–18, ESV)*

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Condemnation of God

- *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.” (Romans 1:18–23, NKJV)*

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God has provided the way to escape His condemnation

- *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” (Romans 8:1, NKJV)*

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God has provided the way to escape His condemnation

- *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” (Romans 8:31–34, ESV)*

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God has provided the way to escape His condemnation

- *“The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.” (Psalm 34:22, ESV)*
- A person who feels that they are under God’s condemnation is either:
 - Not a believer and experiencing the conviction of the Holy Spirit to bring them to salvation
 - A person who has come to faith in Christ but needs instruction on the grace of God that has been extended to them.

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Condemnation from others.

- John 8:1-11
- *“With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord; I will praise him in the midst of the throng. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.” (Psalm 109:30–31, ESV)*
- *“He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord.” (Proverbs 17:15, ESV)*

10

Condemnation from others.

- *“And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death.” (Mark 14:60–64, ESV)*

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Condemnation from others.

- Condemnation from others can be self-inflicted.
- *“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.” (Matthew 7:1–5, ESV) (see also Luke 6:37-38)*

12

Condemnation from others.

- When unjustly condemned by others the way to freedom is to follow the example set by our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:19–25, ESV)
 - Do not become defensive or seek vengeance.
 - Place yourself at the mercy of the Righteous Judge.
 - Remain obedient to all that God reveals to you.

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Self-condemnation

- *“By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.”* (1 John 3:19–24, ESV)

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Self-condemnation

- Sources of self-condemnation
 - Preoccupation with sinful tendencies
 - The way to freedom from self-condemnation:
 - A single-minded focus on bringing honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 5:16-26

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Self-condemnation

- Sources of self-condemnation
 - *Listening to the deceitful accusations of the devil.*
 - *The way to freedom from self-condemnation: Revelation 12:10-11*
 - *Confidence in the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - *The fact that you have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.*
 - *Your commitment to live under the lordship of Jesus Christ.*

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Self-condemnation

- Sources of self-condemnation
 - *The way to freedom from self-condemnation:*
 - *Failure to biblically deal with sinful behavior.*
 - *Practice confession leading to repentance.*
 - *2 Corinthians 7:8-10; 1 John 1:9-2:6*

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