

Reaching New Heights in our Ability to Grow The Amazement of No Condemnation

Three steps to achieve amazement that followers of Christ no longer face condemnation.

I. Understand Why the Words “No Condemnation” Are So Delicious.

Romans 1:18 – *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,*

A. Because of our sinful heritage.

Romans 5:17-18 – *For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. 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.*

B. Because of our sinful nature.

Ephesians 2:1-3 – *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*

C. Because of our deeds/lifestyle.

Romans 3:23 – *For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.*

John MacArthur – *Man is not simply influenced by sin but is completely overpowered by it, and no one can escape that dominance by his own effort. Sin is a defiling disease that corrupts every person, degrades every individual, disquiets every soul. It steals peace and joy from the heart and replaces them with trouble and pain. Sin is implanted in every human life, and its deadly force brings a universal depravity that no man can cure.*

II. Rejoice in How the Words “No Condemnation” Were Made Possible.

A. Not by adherence to the law.

B. By Christ’s substitutionary atonement.

verse 3 – “sending His own Son...”

Martin Luther – *Faith unites the soul with Christ as a spouse with her husband. Everything which Christ has becomes the property of the believing soul; everything which the soul has, becomes the property of Christ. Christ possesses all blessings and eternal life: they are thenceforward the property of the soul. The soul has all its iniquities and sins: they become thenceforward the property of Christ. It is then that a blessed exchange commences: Christ who is both God and man, Christ who has never sinned, and whose holiness is perfect, Christ the Almighty and Eternal, taking to Himself, by His nuptial ring of faith, all the sins of the believer, those sins are lost and abolished in Him; for no sins dwell before His infinite righteousness. Thus by faith the believer's soul is delivered from sins and clothed with the eternal righteousness of her bridegroom Christ.*

III. Consider How These Truths Should Impact You.

- A. Be sure that you arrived to this position God's Way.
- B. Understand that growing/serving in response to grace is always better than growing/serving to earn righteousness.
- C. Be amazed that your salvation is secure.

John 10:27-29 – My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Ephesians 1:13 – In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Ephesians 4:30 – Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1 John 5:13 – These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

- D. Quickly run to God when you have failed.

John 8:10 – Straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?"

John 8:11 – She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more."

- E. Make our church a place of "no condemnation" of others.