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GOD'S STORY IN A GUILT-BASED CULTURE

Romans 8:1

One Verse:

“Therefore, there is now _____
 for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

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Three Stories:

MARK 2:1-12

- See the _____ of Christ.
 - ▶ He has authority to remove our _____.
 - ▶ He has authority to heal our _____.
- There is now no condemnation... You are _____.

JOHN 3:1-21

- See the _____ of Christ.
 - ▶ He came to stop us from _____.
 - ▶ He came to teach us to _____.
- There is now no condemnation... You have a _____.

JOHN 8:1-11

- See the _____ of Christ.
 - ▶ Jesus upholds the _____ of God.
 - ▶ Jesus extends the _____ of God.
- There is now no condemnation... You are _____.

Countless Promises: In Christ Jesus...

- You are spotless.
- You are holy.
- You are blameless.
- You are faultless.
- You are righteous.
- You are clean.
- You are whole.
- You are pardoned.
- You are pure.

You are _____ anymore.

CLASSWORK

From our story to His story...

- Start by identifying which of these three stories your own story most relates to. Then use that particular story to fill in the blanks below.
- One of my favorite stories about Jesus is when: (Fill in details of story in approximately 3-4 sentences here...)

- The main point is that Jesus came to: (State the primary point of the story, i.e., to forgive us, to give us a fresh start, to free us from our sins and struggles...)

- Would you be interested in knowing more about how Jesus can do that in your life?

EXAMPLE...

You know, one of my favorite stories about Jesus is when he had dinner with one of the major religious leaders of the first century. This religious leader was consumed with all of the things he could do to cover up his guilt before God, but amidst all of his effort, he was still coming up empty. Jesus basically told him that he didn't have to follow all of the rules and regulations of religion; all he had to do was trust in Jesus and he would have eternal life. It was that simple, and it's what separates a relationship with Jesus from all religious effort. The whole point of Jesus coming was to give us a fresh start with God so that we wouldn't have to work our way to Him. Would you want to know more about how Jesus can do that in your life?

- Now if you really want to go all out, do the same activity for the other two stories!

HOMEWORK

- Continue this week to pray for opportunities to encourage others in their spiritual journeys, possibly through sharing your story. Remember, be aware, be available, be alert, be active, and be ready to be amazed!
- After completing the "Classwork" above, get prepared to share that particular story at a moment's notice. Then pray specifically for an opportunity to share it with someone else this week.
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- There is now no condemnation... You are **forgiven**.

JOHN 3:1-21

- See the **purpose** of Christ.
 - ▶ He came to stop us from **trying**.
 - ▶ He came to teach us to **trust Him**.
- There is now no condemnation... You have a **fresh start**.

JOHN 8:1-11

- See the **paradox** of Christ.
 - ▶ Jesus upholds the **justice** of God.
 - ▶ Jesus extends the **mercy** of God.
- There is now no condemnation... You are **free**.

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- You are **not guilty** anymore.

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