

Romans: The Gospel

No Condemnation

Romans 8:1-11, Galatians 5:16-26

<p>Isn't this what everyone really wants? Not to be judged?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mistakes, failures, looks, behavior, crimes</i> - <i>Not just leniency, but approval</i> - <i>Getting away with what they want, live how they want, be OK</i> <p>[Pray] :1</p>	<p>Therefore...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:6-11 Saved From Wrath ● 5:12-21 Through One Man - Jesus Justification (Adam Condemnation) ● 6:1-14 Under Grace ● 6:15-23 Set Free From Sin (slavery) ● 7:1-6 Delivered From The Law (and judgment, married to God) ● 7:7-25 The Law is not Sin, it exposes it, The Law is Holy
<p><u>Now</u> no condemnation (there was a before...)</p> <p>Katakrima - damnatory sentence, adverse</p> <p>The judgment of hell itself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eternal separation from God ● Punishment for sin. ● Designed for angels who fell (part of why it's eternal) <p>The permanency of sin, even eternity can't pay for it</p>	<p>For who? Those in Jesus</p> <p><i>Father doesn't condemn Jesus - are not, will not, cannot DG verdict not less cond., none</i></p> <p>He's got the whole world, in His hands? TBH, not really...</p> <p>Jhn 17:9, 12 - "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ... "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.</p>
<p>How is one in Jesus?</p> <p><i>Swimming - trunks, water, pool, in!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Starts with personal, true, heartfelt belief Believe in your heart, confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord 10:9 ● Repentance (turn 180) away from sin, toward God Act 3:19 - "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow Jesus. Matthew 9:9 Go where He goes. Do what He wants to do. Love those He loves. ● Worship Him, truly, spiritually Jhn 4:23-24 - "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. "God [is] Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to a Bible-believing, God-fearing, church. • Worship (5 spokes) Personally and corporately. 	<p><i>Stay under the spout where the glory comes out</i> CS</p>
<p>How are you walking?</p> <p>According to the flesh? According to the Spirit?</p> <p>Turn to Gal 5... <i>Best commentary on scripture is...scripture</i></p> <p>Gal 5:16-21 - I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness [physical gross, extreme excess], lewdness [lust, shameless], idolatry, sorcery [pharmakeia], hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions [division], heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries [wild night parties, in the street], and the like;</p>	<p>of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told [you] in time past, that those who PRACTICE such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p><i>Quite a long list for the flesh...</i></p> <p>Works for flesh, fruit for Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works - what you do on your own, of yourself • Fruit - what the Holy Spirit does through your life, by your obedience, submission to the Word <p>Gal 5:22-26 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those [who are] Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another</p>
<p>Walking: step by step, choice by choice, day by day</p> <p><i>Infant, baby, toddler, child, adult, middle, old Stuck, trip, jump, run, get hurt, better shape</i></p> <p><i>Walking together...</i> <i>Garden, God with Adam and Eve...</i></p>	<p>Condemnation...is shown to be no more... when you're in Jesus...lived by walking in the Spirit,</p> <p>All the fruit of His doing!</p> <p>If not, maybe you haven't believed Or realized how bad sin is And how good God is</p> <p>Showing condemnation isn't past, present</p>

<p>:2-4</p> <p>Three laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flesh & sin • Commandment • Spirit of life in Jesus <p><u>This is what legalism gets wrong -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that there's life in fulfilling the law • It's a lesser law • The greater law is the Spirit of Life in Jesus <p>Jesus summed up the law: <u>Love God, Love Others</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seeking life in Jesus, fulfills the law • walking in the Spirit, free from law • You're truly free - the flesh, the law, to live by His Spirit <p>Why couldn't the law work? Because of our sinful flesh.</p> <p>Law holy, flesh dead! <i>Weekend at Bernies</i></p> <p>Not a change of name, but a [new nature]</p> <p>To wash and dress a corpse is far different than making it alive, man can do the one, God the other</p> <p>To be unregenerate is to be unsaved</p>
<p>2Co 12:9-10 - And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.</p>	<p>We couldn't, so God did <u>It always was the plan!</u></p> <p>1Jo 2:2 - And He Himself is the propitiation [an appeasing] for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.</p> <p>He used His flesh to defeat sin</p>
<p>The Law's Requirement? Righteousness</p> <p>It couldn't be <u>bypassed</u>, only <u>fulfilled</u></p> <p>See, God forgives our sin, but as <u>His expense</u> It's not just forgiven into the <u>ether</u></p> <p><u>It cost something...a perfect life totally separated</u></p> <p>But to us? Psa 103:12 - As far as the east is from the west, [So] far has He removed our <u>transgressions from us.</u></p>	<p>He bears the scars of sin for eternity</p> <p><i>It's a mistake to think this gift is free all around - worthless. It's free for us, cost Jesus everything.</i></p> <p>This is truly fulfilled - <u>carried all the way through</u></p> <p><u>In those who walk according to the Spirit</u> <i>Not by us, not by our effort, we're just the conduit. The soil, The vessel</i></p>

Your freedom to walk in the Spirit is Jesus' work fulfilled in you, not by you

Who's the boss? Holy Spirit or flesh?

So why are you walking in the flesh?

2Ti 2:19-21 - Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, **"Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. **Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.**

Not needs, but sinful gratification DG

If you're choosing to walk in the flesh, you're preventing the life God wants for you:

A life of honor

Instead, you're choosing a life of dishonor

You may be saved, but you're missing out. Now, and later.

If you really know Jesus personally, you can't continue this way. So don't! Start right now.

:5

**Walking = Living!
Your lifestyle, your choice!**

According to the flesh
According to the Spirit

**It's an active, every day,
Every decision...decision**

Flow chart

**Where do you choose?
How do you choose?
It's where you set your mind!**

Playing football with my older brother growing up, nerf whistler, power lines, where I look is where I'll throw

**Christian, where you think
is where you'll go**

Flesh > mind > spirit
Spirit > mind > flesh

Col 3:1-3 - If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

Rom 12:2 - **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

Advertisers know this

- repeat message/brand
- jingles

McDonald's, Netflix, Star Wars Theme

Music was created for worship

A song always glorifies something
Look at modern "music" - clearly the enemy

**It can bypass the mind
and go right to the heart -
and turn it**

**Christian, what music
are you ~~listening to~~
worshipping with?**

Eph 5:18-21 - And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always** for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Showing Mia XM

All the lyrics come right back - even the songs I hated - and yet I had no idea what half of them said when I did listen...

~~**Whistle while you work**~~
Worship while you walk!

:6-8

**Carnally minded is death...
The war is on for your mind!**

Information wars, psyops, misinformation, disinformation, all about controlling your thinking

**Christian, what you think about,
you'll walk out, and the flesh will
lead you to hell**

*Again "Carnal Christians"
a misnomer, jumbo shrimp
Might be a shocker...not everyone who says
they're a Christian...is!
(Don't be naive, be Berean)
Carnal IS enmity (deep seated hatred)*

**You can't claim to be a friend of
God and living like His enemy!**

Hating God won't give peace

**Want peace? Put your mind on
the things of God!**

No matter what's going on.

Phi 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and **the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding**, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

How do we have a spiritual mind?

- **Think** on heavenly things, Bible verses
- **Give thanks**
- **Sing heavenly songs**
- **Talk** about heavenly things, verses, truths, with other believers
(FELLOWSHIP)

Spurgeon, Morning by Morning, Mar 5

Christians who isolate themselves and walk alone, are very liable to grow drowsy. Hold Christian company, and you will be kept wakeful by it, and refreshed and encouraged to make quicker progress in the road to heaven. But as you thus take "sweet counsel" with others in the ways of God, take care that the theme of your converse is the Lord Jesus. Let the eye of faith be constantly looking unto Him; let your heart be full of Him; let your lips speak of His worth. **Friend, live near to the cross, and thou wilt not sleep. Labour to impress thyself with a deep sense of the value of the place to which thou art going. If thou rememberest that thou art going to heaven, thou wilt not sleep on the road. If thou thinkest that hell is behind thee, and the devil pursuing thee, thou wilt not loiter.** Would the manslayer sleep with the avenger of blood behind him, and the city of refuge before him? Christian, wilt thou sleep whilst the pearly gates are open—the songs of angels waiting for thee to join them—a crown of gold ready for thy brow? Ah! no; in holy fellowship continue to watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.

**Most importantly, 1 Thess. 5:17
pray without ceasing**

In your mind, out loud, under your breath, in the car, in the shower, short and long

:9-11

Are you worried that you're carnal?

Good! First sign you're on the right path

It means you have God's Spirit in You

- So if He's in you, **listen** for Him
- **Obey** Him when you hear Him
- **Ask** Him to open your ears, eyes, give you **understanding**

Psa 119:34, 104-105 - Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with [my] whole heart. ... Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.. Your word [is] a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

**It's simple,
if you have His Spirit,
you're in Jesus
If not, you're not**

2Co 1:22 - who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Para, en, epi

It's simple, if the Spirit is in you...

- **Your flesh will be (being) put to death**
- **Spiritual will replace the carnal**

**Flesh = death
Spirit = life**

In your life,

- **What's growing?**
- **What's dying?**

i. "Many sincere people are yet spiritually under John the Baptist's ministry of repentance. Their state is practically that of the struggle of Romans Seven, where neither Christ nor the Holy Spirit is mentioned, but only a quickened but undelivered soul in struggle under a sense of 'duty,' not a sense of full acceptance in Christ and sealing by the Holy Spirit." (Newell)

This means every believer has the Holy Spirit. It is a misnomer to divide Christians among the "Spirit-filled" and the "non-Spirit-filled." If a person is not filled with the Holy Spirit, they are not a Christian at all. (DG)

**So if you don't hear His Spirit,
aren't seeking life,
fruit isn't growing
Good things are dying...
let that wake you up!**

**God doesn't want the result of the
law's judgment, condemnation,
death, for you, but blessing, life!**

**No condemnation to those who are
in Christ Jesus**

If He's in you, You're in Him

How does one know that they have the Spirit? (DG and me)

- Has the Spirit led you to Jesus? (para)
- Has the Spirit put in you the desire to honor Jesus? (en)
- Is the Spirit leading you to be more like Jesus? (en)
- Is the Spirit at work in your heart? (en)
- Is the Spirit working through you to minister to others, gifts, calling, etc.? (epi)

**That's heaven now
Seeing the Kingdom
Blessing and feasting in this life**

Your stinky, dying, rotting, flesh...
Gets to be a vessel of real, eternal, righteous heavenly, life NOW
Before death, before heaven

**The Spirit living in you.
Relationship. Not religion.**

It's going to cause you to seek more Spirit life and turn away more fleshly death.

Bearing Fruit instead of sweaty labor.

**Don't you want that life with Jesus?
You can have it!**

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."