

No Condemnation Pt. 5

Romans 8:1–4

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8 *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. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, **4** that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **6** For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. **7** Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. **8** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Introduction

The gospel that Jesus proclaimed was a call to discipleship, a call to follow Him in submissive obedience, not just a plea to make a decision or pray a prayer. Jesus' message liberated people from the bondage of their sin while it confronted and condemned hypocrisy. It was an offer of eternal life and forgiveness for repentant sinners, but at the same time it was a rebuke to outwardly religious people whose lives were devoid of true righteousness. It put sinners on notice that they must turn from sin and embrace God's righteousness.

Our Lord's words about eternal life were invariably accompanied by warnings to those who might be tempted to take salvation lightly. He taught that the cost of following Him is high, that the way is narrow and few find it. He said many who call him *Lord* will be forbidden from entering the kingdom of heaven (cf. Matthew 7:13-23).

Present-day evangelicalism, by and large, ignores these warnings. The prevailing view of what constitutes saving faith continues to grow broader and more shallow, while the portrayal of Christ in preaching and witnessing becomes fuzzy.

Anyone who claims to be a Christian can find evangelicals willing to accept a profession of faith, whether or not the person's behavior shows any evidence of commitment to Christ. In this way, faith has become merely an intellectual exercise. Instead of calling men and women to surrender to Christ, modern evangelism asks them only to accept some basic facts about Him.

This shallow understanding of salvation and the gospel, known as "easy-believism," stands in stark contrast to what the Bible teaches. To put it simply, *the gospel call to faith presupposes that sinners must repent of their sin and yield to Christ's authority.* This, in a nutshell, is what is commonly referred to as lordship salvation.

An Introduction to Lordship Salvation
by John MacArthur

A. Pink

Thousands are deceived into supposing that they have “accepted Christ” as their “personal Saviour,” who have not first received Him as their Lord. The Son of God did not come here to save His people in

their sin, but “from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). To be saved from sins, is to be saved from ignoring and despising the authority of God, it is to abandon the course of self-will and self-pleasing, it is to “forsake our way” (Isa. 55:7). It is to surrender to God’s authority, to yield to His dominion, to give ourselves over to be ruled by Him.

A.W. Tozer

It is altogether doubtful whether any man can be saved who comes to Christ for His help with no intention to obey Him.

Salvation apart from obedience is unknown in the sacred Scriptures... Apart from obedience there can be no salvation, for salvation without obedience is a self-contradictory impossibility.

Charles Spurgeon

I cannot conceive it possible for anyone truly to receive Christ as Savior and yet not to receive him as Lord. A man who is really saved by grace does not need to be told that he is under solemn obligations to serve Christ. The new life within him tells him that. Instead of regarding it as a burden, he gladly surrenders himself – body, soul, and spirit- to

the Lord who has redeemed him, reckoning this to be his reasonable service.

John MacArthur

A Christian is not one who simply buys “fire insurance,” who signs up just to avoid an unpleasant after life. A Christian...repeatedly, is one whose faith expresses itself in submission and obedience. A Christian is one who follows Christ, one who is committed unquestionably to Christ as Lord and Savior, one who desires to please God. His basic aim is to be in every way a disciple of Jesus Christ. When he fails, he seeks forgiveness and wants to move forward. This is his spirit and his direction.

Lesson:

- 1 The Reality of no Condemnation
- 2 The Reason for no Condemnation= Justification
- 3 The Route of no Condemnation = Substitution
- 4 The Result of no Condemnation Sanctification

1 The Reality of no Condemnation

8 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.

2 The Reason for no Condemnation= Justification

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 The Route of no Condemnation = Substitution

³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

The law was unable to condemn sin

it could only magnify sin and point it out and condemn the sinner

It can only condemn the sinner.

The Law is not the problem. The sinner is the problem

The Law is not deficient or unable to save someone who is able to keep the Law perfectly,

But man is unable to keep the law.

7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

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Christ through is substitution brought condemnation to sin. He Judged Sin.

He condemns sin by His death

But He also condemns sin in His Life.

He never gave in to the temptation of sin. Never violated one law. In Thought or deed.

Matthew 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Matthew 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, “*Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*” Then he allowed Him.

Galatians 4:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the

law,⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Hebrews 10:3–10 (NKJV)

³ But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

⁵ Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

*“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
But a body You have prepared for Me.*

⁶ *In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin
You had no pleasure.*

⁷ *Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—
In the volume of the book it is written of Me—
To do Your will, O God.’ ”*

⁸ Previously saying, “*Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them*” (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said, “*Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.*” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

1 Peter 2:21–23 (NKJV)

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

²² *“Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;*

²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

Matthew 27:4 (NKJV)

⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

And they said, “What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*”

Matthew 27:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

Matthew 27:23 (NKJV)

²³ Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?”

But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

Matthew 27:24 (NKJV)

24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it.*”

Luke 23:41 (NKJV)

41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

Luke 23:47 (NKJV)

47 So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!”

John 8:46 (NKJV)

46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 7:26 (NKJV)

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,
and has become higher than the heavens;

harmless innocent adj. — free from evil or guilt.

1 John 2:1 (NKJV)

2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John 3:5 (NKJV)

5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

The Power to overcome sin is in those who know Christ. We are in Christ but also Christ is in us. We can live righteously

4 The Result of no Condemnation Sanctification

4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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This is our sanctification. HOLINESS.
 We are Justified in order that we may be sanctified.

You are condemned by the Law so that you can be Justified apart from the Law so that you can keep the Law.

Your Condemnation leads to Justification through Substitution for the purpose or Sanctification.

Salvation is not just about the negative of being kept from Hell
It is Positive that You are saved to Holiness.

This is the flow of thought with Paul

chapter 1-3 We are sinners, law breakers, guilty

chapter 4-5 We are saved, made righteous,
Justified apart from Law, but by grace.

Paul anticipates the logical argument: Under grace it does matter what I do. More sin More Grace.

Chapter 6-7 We are Saved for Sanctification. We are no longer slaves of sin, but now free to do righteousness .

Chapter 8 We are no longer condemned, which is evident by our changed nature and our ability to and desire to fulfill the Law.

Sanctification proves Justification which results in no Condemnation.

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Romans 8:4 (NKJV)

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Note: The word requirement is not in the Greek text. This is an attempt on the translators part to give understanding to the word “righteousness of the Law”

The Old KJV has it more literal.

So Christ condemned sin in the flesh
IN ORDER THAT we may live the righteous demands of the Law.

fulfilled in **us who** do not **walk** according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
 πληρωθῇ εν ημῖν τοῖς μη κατὰ σάρκα
περιπατουσιν αλλα κατὰ πνευμα

This identifies the ones who are able to fulfill the righteousness of the Law.

Romans 8:9 (NKJV)

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

We are those who **WALK** not according to the flesh but rather the Spirit.

WALK περιπατουσιν P.A.PT>

4043 peripatéō (from 4012 /perí, "comprehensively around," which intensifies 3961 /patéō, "walk") – properly, walk around, i.e. in a complete circuit (going "full circle").

This speaks of lifestyle. habit. habitat.

Galatians 5:16–25 (NKJV)

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; 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.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Romans 13:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in

strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its lusts.*

Ephesians 2:3 (NKJV)

³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

1 John 1:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Ephesians 5:8–11 (NKJV)

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them.*

John 12:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

This is purpose and intent of Salvation HOLINESS

Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Luke 1:67–75 (NKJV)

⁶⁷ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

⁶⁸ “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited and redeemed His people,
⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us

In the house of His servant David,
 70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
 Who *have been* since the world began,
 71 That we should be saved from our enemies
 And from the hand of all who hate us,
 72 To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers
 And to remember His holy covenant,
 73 The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:
 74 To grant us that we,
 Being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
 Might serve Him without fear,
 75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all the
 days of our life.

Romans 8:28–29 (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Colossians 3:12–13 (NKJV)

12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one

another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

2 Timothy 1:9 (NKJV)

⁹ who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

2 Timothy 2:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ 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.”

Titus 2:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Galatians 5:24–25 (NKJV)

²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.