

“NO CONDEMNATION”

TURN TO TEXT: **JOHN 3:17-21** *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

I. NO CONDEMNATION TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE:

ROMANS 5:16-18 *And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.*

JOHN 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

APPLICATION:

- JESUS TOOK ALL OF OUR SINS, DEATH, WRATH, JUDGMENT AND CONDEMNATION SO THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO! *** None Left ***
- THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION LEFT FOR THE BELIEVER.
- IF THIS IS TRUE, AND IT IS, WHAT TYPE OF MINISTERS SHOULD WE BE?
- PERHAPS WE SHOULD BE TREATING OTHERS THE WAY CHRIST TREATS US?
- NOW THAT WE ARE BORN AGAIN, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE IMAGE OF GOD, BUT WHAT KIND OF IMAGE HAVE WE BEEN GIVING GOD?
- ARE WE AMBASSADORS OF CONDEMNATION?
- HOW DID JESUS DEAL WITH PEOPLE? He starts with **“No Condemnation”**

JOHN 8:10-11 *When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

2 COR. 4:6-8 *Christ also has made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: 8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? 9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.*

APPLICATION: WE ARE MINISTERS OF THE NEW COVENANT, NOT OF CONDEMNATION...

- WE ARE MINISTERS OF LIFE, NOT OF DEATH
- WE ARE MINISTERS OF THE NEW, NOT THE OLD
- WE ARE MINISTERS OF JESUS, NOT OF MOSES
- WE WILL ALWAYS TREAT OTHERS THE WAY WE FEEL LIKE GOD IS TREATING US.
- WE DON'T NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY THE WORLD THINKS ABOUT CHRISTIANS; WE NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY CHRISTIANS THINK ABOUT GOD.
- JESUS STARTS WITH “NO CONDEMNATION” AND THEN TEACHES THAT WE SHOULD NOT CONTINUE TO LIVE IN SIN.
- WHY? WE ARE NOT CONDEMNED, BUT SIN COULD KILL US.

QUOTE: **“God does not hate our sin for what it does to Him; He hates our sin for what it does to us.”**

- Christian, you are not condemned, but don't continue to live in such a way that the condemned live.
- God loves you too much to play pickleball in the middle of the 405. Why? Because He knows it will hurt you and He hates to see His kids getting hurt!

II. LIGHT VS. DARK IS ALWAYS A SAVED VS. LOST =

JOHN 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

ILLUSTRATION: WE ARE EITHER MOTHS OR COCKROACHES... ATTRACTED TO THE LIGHT, OR REPELLED BY IT!

Examples: The Issue is a saved vs. lost issue with John... and Jesus...

Sheep vs. Goats

Wheat vs. Tares

Children of God vs. children of devil

Saved vs. Lost

Spirit of God vs. spirit of antichrist

Not of the world vs. of the world

Spirit of Truth vs. spirit of error

Godly vs. Ungodly

Righteous vs. Unrighteous

Justified / just vs. unjust

In the Spirit vs. in the flesh

In Christ vs. In Adam

Saved from Wrath vs. Wrath upon you

Book of Life vs. Book of second death

Believer vs. Unbeliever

Saint vs. Sinner

Kingdom of Light vs. Kingdom of Darkness

No Condemnation vs. Condemned Already

WE ARE EITHER IN THE LIGHT OR IN THE DARKNESS:

***Col. 1:12-14** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

***John 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

***John 12:46** I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*

***Acts 26:18** [Jesus came] To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

***2 Cor. 4:3-5** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

***2 COR. 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

***EPH. 5:8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:*

***1 THES. 5:5** You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.*

***2 PETER 2:9** But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

APPLICATION: KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST CHANGES EVERYTHING ABOUT HOW YOU RELATE TO GOD, YOURSELF AND OTHERS

I JOHN = SAVED VS. LOST; KNOWLEDGE OF GOD VS. KNOWLEDGE OF THE GNOSTICS...

— John writes very evangelistically to those outside of the Light and Life of Christ.

- John constantly appeals to people who do not have the Life of Christ so that they would believe on Him unto Eternal Life.
- The H. Spirit in him is trying to lead the to go from dark to light from death to life
- John even opens his Gospel with this thought:

JOHN 1:4-9 *In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

- So when we come to John's 3 Epistles, we can now rightly divide the Word of Truth, lest we be divided ourselves!

TURN TO TEXT: I JOHN 1:1-10

WHO IS A LIAR AND MAKES GOD OUT TO BE ONE?

I JOHN 2:22 *Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

I JOHN 5:10 *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.*

WHO IS IN THE WORD?

I JOHN 2:4 *He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

WHO IS IN THE LIGHT?

I JOHN 2:8 *Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.*

WHO IS IN THE TRUTH?

I JOHN 2:27 *But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

I JOHN 3:19 *And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.*

I JN 4:5 *They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

2 JN 1:1 *The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; 2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.*

3 JN. 1:3 *For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*

WHO HAS ALL OF THEIR SINS FORGIVEN?

I JOHN 2:2 *And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

1 JOHN 2:12 *I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.*

I JOHN 3:5 *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

CONCLUSION:

- **ARE YOU A BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST?**
- **ARE YOU IN THE LIGHT? IS THE TRUTH IN YOU?**
- **ARE YOU CONDEMNED? DO YOU CONDEMN OTHERS?**
- **HOW DOES GOD SEE YOU?**
- **HOW DO YOU SEE YOU?**
- **HOW DO WE SEE AND TREAT OTHERS?**

