

Free from Judgment, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 8.
- B. We are in misery because we are all born with the terrible condition of sin. (Ephesians 2)
- C. We are in misery because Satan also dominates us. (I John 3, Ephesians 2)
- D. We are in bondage to the trouble of creation—we face disease and death. (Romans 8:20, Job 5:7)
- E. We are heirs of God's judgment. (Hebrews 10:27)
- F. The sinner has only eternal damnation for which to look forward. (Revelation 20:14)
- G. It is remarkable therefore that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1-2)

II. The reality that there is no condemnation. (Romans 5:12, 16, 18; II Thessalonians 1)

- A. Man is under condemnation and the law of God cannot change it. (Romans 7:12)
- B. The law could only intensify the sin within.
- C. Even the coming of Jesus alone could not change that condemnation. (John 3:19, 17)
- D. The death of Christ results in no condemnation. (Romans 5-6, Matthew 18)
- E. The believer is free from any sin debt he incurred to God. (Hebrews 10:14, Colossians 1:12)
- F. Jesus is the covering for our sin. (I John 1:9, 2:1-2, Romans 8:41)

III. The reason there is no condemnation is that there is justification. (Romans 1; 3. 5:1, 8, 15; 6:14; 7:6)

- A. As a result of the sacrifice of Christ, believers are no longer condemned.
- B. Paul emphasizes that the Christian is not exempt from sin in Romans 7 but also that every believer is secure in Romans 8.
- C. When the believer came to Christ, he was placed in Christ. (Romans 6:3)
 - 1. We are in Christ with a spiritual solidarity. (I Corinthians 15)
 - 2. We are in Christ vitally. (I Corinthians 12:13)
 - 3. We are in Christ relationally.

D. Jesus prayed that believers would all be one in Him. (John 17)

E. We can experience no condemnation because the law of the Spirit has made us free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 7:21)

F. The Spirit is the one who gives life and energizes the believer.

G. The law of the Spirit has freed the believer from the guilt of sin.

Application questions:

1. Why is it that the believer is completely free from God's condemnation now?

2. What does it mean to be "in Christ?"

3. What kind of product should the believer expect from receiving the free gift of guiltlessness from God? Explain.
