

Free From Judgment, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 8:1-4.
- B. By being in Jesus Christ, one will never be punished for his sin because Jesus bore our sin.
- C. A believer will still be chastened though. (Hebrews 12)
- D. We will never be recipients of final condemnation though. (Romans 6, 7)

II. The reason believers have no condemnation is because the law of the Spirit of life sets him free from mastery of sin that leads to death.

- A. The gospel is a law that has demands upon a person. (John 3)
- B. The route: God sent Christ to be a substitute for us in condemnation.
- C. The law could only reveal sin and not destroy it. Christ had to destroy it.
- D. Sacrifices could not remove sin either. (Hebrews 9:9; 10:1, 4)
- E. Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. (Isaiah 53:4)
- F. God sending His own Son is the heart of the gospel. (John 1, Hebrews 9:28)
- G. Christ came for sin.

III. Christ was human, which ensures us the same power to overcome sin that He faced.

- A. God wants to build in us a righteous standard. Believers are given the power to live rightly. He should see increasing righteousness and decreasing unrighteousness in his life. (I John 1:7; Matthew 5:4, 10, 48; Ephesians 1:4)
- B. The objective of the gospel is not our happiness but our holiness. (Hebrews 12:14, Romans 1:16, Philippians 3, I Peter 1:15)
- C. Grace has been given for our holiness. (Titus 2)
- D. Christians have responsibilities because of their empowerment. (Galatians 5:25)

E. As we obey the Spirit, we find ourselves obeying the law of God. The Christian is not free from demands—he is free to keep them.

Application questions:

1. Why are believers free from condemnation?

2. How would you respond to the believer who says that it is okay for us to sin?

3. What is the key to living the righteous life post-salvation?
