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No Condemnation!

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Romans 8:1-17 ¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man, as an offering for sin. He thus condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the righteous standard of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh; but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷because the mind of the flesh is hostile to God: It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those controlled by the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are controlled not by the flesh, but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you. ¹²Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation, but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may also be glorified with Him. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** We are free from condemnation from our sin because of the gift of life that we get from being in a **covenant** with Jesus Christ. V. 1
- B.** We have an **obligation** to walk in our new nature, but the condemnation is gone! V. 2
- C.** We cannot be saved by trying to obey Scripture. Our **flesh** keeps getting in the way. The Son of God was crucified to save us. V. 3-4, 6-8
- D.** The Holy Spirit **guides** us how we should live. We get the Holy Spirit only after we receive Jesus Christ. V. 5, 9-11
- E.** Continued **unconfessed** sin will destroy our faith that we have in Jesus Christ. You must have faith in Christ to be saved! V. 12-14

F. The Holy Spirit in us makes us sons of God. As sons of God we are not **slaves** to fear. V. 15-16

G. Suffering, when endured by **faith**, shows that we truly are sons of God. V. 17

II. How can we apply these truths?

A. We must **reject** the lie that God condemns us anymore.

B. Since we are born again, we must live by the **promptings** of the Holy Spirit. Ask yourself, "What is God telling me to do?"

C. Scripture is important in that it **shows** us the parameters of sound doctrine. We must learn what Scripture has to teach us.

D. Unconfessed, unrepented sin must be dealt with **today**.

E. **Renounce** fear. The Holy Spirit does not use fear. He uses love to prompt us to change.

F. **Embrace** suffering. It is our participation in offering sacrifices to God. Do not seek paradise here on earth, this never ends well.