

**No Condemnation in Christ**  
A Study of the Book of Romans  
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**Key Truth:** God gives us the unconditional and irrevocable promise of salvation in his Son, Jesus Christ.

We often live with deep regret over things we've done in the past, and the Devil wants nothing more than to dredge up our sins as a constant reminder of our crimes against a holy God. The Devil doesn't want us to hear about grace. He only want us to hear about guilt. Satan doesn't want us to hear the Gospel; in fact, he wants to shield us from God's Word. We readily admit our guilt, and it's right to do so. But God through his Word wants us to know that in Christ there is no condemnation. This is not to say we're not guilty of sin. It is to say that because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, we're not convicted or sentenced to death for our crimes.

**DISCUSS**

Read **Romans 8:1** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "**No Condemnation in Christ.**"

**DIG IN**

**1. The Present Reality of Salvation** (Romans 8:1a)

Paul uses the word "therefore" in verse 1. What statements in the previous chapters/verses may form the basis for what Paul says in chapter 8, verse 1?

Paul uses the word "now" in this verse? Why is it important that we are saved *now*?

**2. The Power of Salvation** (Romans 8:1b)

The Greek word for "condemnation" in this verse (*katakrima*) speaks of the sentence of death given to a convicted criminal. In what ways is it possible to be guilty of sin yet to receive no penalty of death?

In what ways does salvation change our relationship to sin?

In what way has Jesus secured an eternal redemption for us (Hebrews 9:12), and how does that translate into "no condemnation" for us?

**3. The Place of Salvation** (Romans 8:1c)

In what ways does Jesus fulfill the Old Testament provision of a "city of refuge" (Numbers 35:9-11) for us?

Why is it necessary for us to be "in Christ" for salvation?

What are some specific truths about being in Christ that you learned from the sermon? Why are these important? Can you think of others?

**DO**

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?