

Teaching

The Weight of Condemnation

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The children in darkness are wiser than the children of light. WHY?

The children of darkness do not care, do not feel condemned, that they are in sin, but they do not have the life of God.

The children of light do not realize they are freed from the condemnation of sin and still try to live a life of freedom while being attached to condemnation, which does not work. They might know the work of Jesus but might not truly see themselves as part of it. We cannot truly live the life of righteousness and still be fearful of sin. If we continue to consider ourselves to be alive to sin, we cannot live unto righteousness. The consciousness of sin will obscure the truth of God's Word how because of Jesus having taken our sin in His body on the tree we are made the righteousness of God IN HIM, Jesus! As the scripture says in 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For he, God, hath made him, Jesus, to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him, Jesus. As Paul wrote in Romans 8:1, "There is, therefore, *NOW, right now, at this moment*, [emphasis mine] no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Condemnation is the root of a metaphorical tree from which fear comes, from which stress comes, from which comes the leaves and sour fruit of what is under the ground. The devil is no respecter of persons; so, he wants God's people to continue to feel condemned in order to get a person to feel as though their sins are greater than God's ability through Jesus to take them upon Himself.

Note how the act of Jesus is not weak, not ineffective, His Word is not without power, as it is constant, strong, vibrant, full of power. The work of Jesus overcame the law of sin, overcame condemnation and made us free from it all!

From where does condemnation come? The devil, as the devil condemns saying, in effect, "You no good! You are a sinner! God is not interested in you! You are bad! You are worthy of death!" and more. Condemnation, and if he can get people to believe it it will become greater, bigger, than seeing, knowing, and believing what God said and did through Jesus. A person's view of themselves in sin can become monumental enough to eclipse the Son, even though the Son, Jesus, is still there! When a person believes, and acts upon what the devil says about a person then the heart of a person condemns their self. God is greater than

What is the difference between condemn and convict? Are they the same? Let's look at it for a moment; but first, let's talk about a person in a court case and the use of the two words. A person is convicted of being guilty and then they are condemned! To be convicted is to be guilty of a criminal offense worthy of condemnation, worthy of punishment, even death. When a person is convicted by the Holy Spirit of God, the person sees themselves in their sinful state, separated from God by sin, but although separation from God through sin is worthy of death, the one who paid the price for the sure condemnation is Jesus, and He did it on the cross. The devil wants a person to focus on condemnation, not the fact Jesus redeemed us from sin and the law of it; therefore, we are free. Free from condemnation, free from fear, and free from stress of sin and its fruit.

Do you feel weighted by condemnation? Know and understand the following: “There is, therefore, *NOW, right now, at this moment*, [emphasis mine] no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 5:21, KJV)” No condemnation, no fear, no stress, no bad fruit. Remember, you were guilty, but now because of what Jesus did not the cross and your acceptance of it, you are no longer guilty and worthy of death. You are free from your bonds as accepting the truth of God’s Word has made, conformed, you to be free. Free from sin, and its hold upon you and free to live and enjoy the abundant life only Jesus gives!

Sin, from the time of Adam, is separation from God. The wage, payment for sin is death. Separation from God is death just as the death of our physical bodies is death, separation, from this earth. Thanks to God for taking our place on the cross and paying the price for us to reconcile; that is, restore our fellowship to God. We are free in Him, we are not condemned.