No Condemnation

Ken Chapman · Romans 8:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- You ever stood before someone else who had the right to judge us and to condemn us, and you were guilty.
- Standing before our judge, God himself, who knows all and sees all, knows what we have done. There will be no excuses to be offered.
- And so we stand condemned. That's the picture of you and I outside of Christ.

1 All Have Sinned: All Bad News Before Christ

Romans 3:23; Romans 5:20

- Before Christ Jesus, it was all bad news.
- Romans chapter 3 would tell us all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Every time God came up with a new law, man came up with the new sin.
- The law itself was not to blame, but it resulted in something bad, my condemnation, my death, because I couldn't keep it.
- Oh wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death.

2 There Is Therefore Now No Condemnation

Romans 8:1

- There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.
- Not only is that introduction to good news, it is startling good news.
- That condemnation, which is a legal term that just means you're guilty, that condemnation has somehow been esponged. It's been removed.
- In a word, in a biblical word, that's forgiveness.

3 Made Free From the Law of Sin and Death

Romans 8:2–4

- The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
- We've been set free from the power of that sin that dwelled in us.
- It was the people, the attempted law keepers that was the weakness.
- God did what the law could not do by sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh.
- Jesus came not to condemn us, we did that on our own. He came to rescue us.

4 If Indeed the Spirit of God Dwells in You

Romans 8:5–11

- To be spiritually minded is life and peace, because the carnal mind is enmity against God.
- You're not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the spirit of God dwells in you.

- The reason for our persistent failure in this arena is because sin dwells in us. But now the answer for success is if the Spirit of God dwells in us.
- If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not his.

5 What Does That Look Like? A Renewed Mind

2 Peter 1:2–4

- The answer to winning this struggle between flesh and spirit is the forgiveness that Christ and Christ alone offers, and letting the Spirit of God dwell in us.
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and the perfect will of God.
- There's a renewal of purpose, a renewal of spirit that's possible only if we let God reign and rule in our lives.
- That through these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- Now we submit ourselves to God, to Christ, to His Holy Spirit, and let Him direct our lives.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you submit to the will of God this morning? Would you recognize that your own selfish, stubborn way is not working?

MY NOTES