

No Condemnation for Those Who Are in Christ

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Scriptures:

- 1 John 3:19-21
- John 8:3-11, 32, 36
- Hebrews 4:14-16
- Romans 8:1
- 1 John 2:1, 2
- Romans 2:4

Summary:

The world has enough negativity without us adding to it. As Christians, when we see someone struggling to perform perfectly but missing the mark, we need to encourage them, not condemn them. This encouragement should include ministering the truth to them about their identity as believers who have Christ living in them. Believing that we're the righteousness of God changes our behavior. Jesus is grace and truth; He's the one who does the changing. Feelings of guilt and shame are emotionally painful, and aren't God's will for us. We'll continue to struggle as long as we focus on ourselves and on our own performance; focusing instead on Christ, and who we are in Him, lifts us out of sin.

Notes:

1. Just like Jesus, we're to show nonjudgmental kindness and compassion to the world. We mustn't judge or condemn people who don't keep all the rules perfectly; we need to have empathy toward them.
2. The scribes and the Pharisees did their best to heap guilt, shame, and condemnation on the woman caught in adultery; Jesus responded to them by turning their attention from her to them, to get them to look inside themselves and see their own sin.
3. God knows what we're feeling because He went through the same emotions and temptations. He changes the sinner by His compassion and mercy.
4. Falling into self-condemnation causes us to sin more; the gift of no condemnation that Jesus offers helps us to stop sinning.

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