

From Condemnation to Grace
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Scriptures:

- Exodus 19:8
- John 3:16,17
- Luke 19:1-9, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 5:18, 19, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 3:2-11, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 3:6
- Romans 7:6, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3,19, *NLT*

Summary:

*For us as Christians, the feeling of being condemned is the root of multiple issues we struggle with. Condemnation is responsible for fear; failure to understand this leads to stress, which brings physical and emotional illnesses and diseases. Mosaic Law was based on self-effort; each time we rely on our self-efforts to please God, we fail miserably and feel guilty because we're reminded that we're insufficient. The only one who can make us enough is Jesus Christ. He's the one who frees us from the old covenant of the law and enables us to minister the new covenant of grace to others. We no longer have to rely on our performance to earn God's approval; He **already** approves of us. Condemnation and judgment will never have the power to transform us for the better—only the love and compassion demonstrated by Jesus can do this.*

Notes:

1. The people thought they didn't need God to keep all of the law, but they were wrong. God gave the law, which was perfect; however, it was *too* perfect for imperfect man to keep through self-effort.
2. Genuine belief is total dependence on God. No one is transformed through condemnation and judgment; transformation only takes place through compassion.
3. Grace is God's gift to us; the ministry of reconciliation has been given to all believers. We don't have Moses' ministry of condemnation, but *Jesus'* ministry of reconciliation. God reconciled us back to Him through Christ.
4. Under the new covenant, words are containers of life. The ministry of the new covenant gives what it speaks of; by comparison, the ministry of the old covenant only puts forth outward requirements.
5. Paul did not condemn people; he simply kept reminding them of who they were and what they had.

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