



# What is Condemnation?



**condemnation** - *katákrima* – punishment following a sentence

- It means there has been a trial & charges have been made\*
- It means that charges have been proved\*
- It means the judged has ruled and here is your sentence\*

## How did

- Rom 5:12
- [Adam's]
- Rom 5:12
- there re

Therefore, just as

through one man [the] sin **entered** into the world, and death **[entered]** through [the] sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned [in Adam] Rom 5:12

## Therefore!

- All men & women are under the just condemnation of God
- But, next, the wonderful news for all those who have trusted in Christ as their Savior!

# Today's Verses



<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

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*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** KJV, NKJV

- The words "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," are rejected by both Nestle and Westcott/Hort [Greek text]. Wuest
- It only occurs in the Textus Receptus. Merryman
- This last part of verse 1 seems to come from verse 4b
  - v:4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, **who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**
- Maybe verse 1 was so gracious that the transcribers had to add a human condition!



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- The climax of Paul's struggles is when he says in Rom 7:24 "Wretched man that I am!"
- Next he calls out to God and says "Who will set me free from the body of this death?"
- Then he says in Rom 7:25a "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"
- So the "Who" is now identified as God the Father\*
- And it is through [*dia*] Jesus Christ our Lord\*
- The "So then" in v:25b describes his conflicted state

Flesh vs Spirit

on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, **the principle**

- but on the other, with my flesh, the law of sin
- Now in 8:1 he realizes who he is in Christ!

\* Hal Molloy<sup>5</sup>

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**no** - *ouden* - not at all, not even a little bit

- “**no**” is the first word in the Greek text – emphatic NO!
- “**not even one bit of**” condemnation McCalley

**How can this be?**

- This statement shows us the unbelievable nature of our salvation.
- It's based on the one act of righteousness [of Jesus Christ]. Rom 5:18b

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

# Position vs. Condition

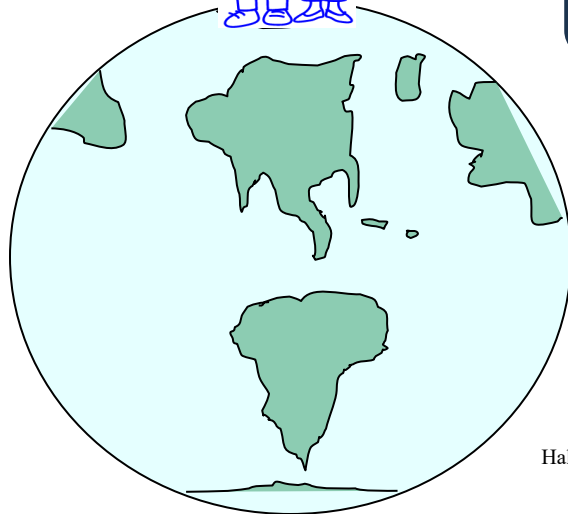
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## Our **POSITION**

( WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST )

- Eternal
- Unchangeable



those who are in Christ Jesus.



IN  
CHRIST

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. Gal 5:16

## Our **CONDITION**

( OUR MOMENT-BY-MOMENT WALK  
IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE )

- Temporal
- Changeable

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those [lit: to the ones] who are in Christ Jesus

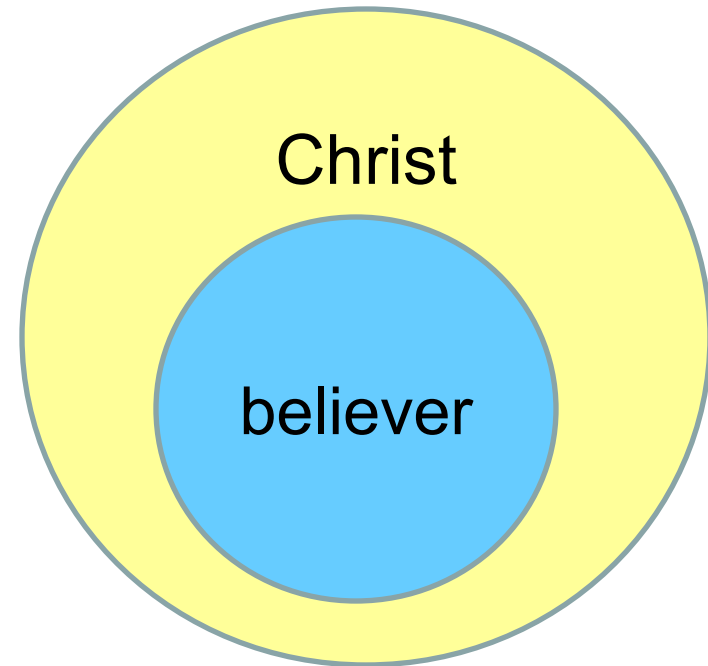
What does “in Christ Jesus” mean?

in – en - denoting fixed *position* (in place, time or state)

lit: in “a living union” with Christ

- The phrase “in Christ” is the most fundamental expression in the New Testament for what it means to be a Christian. McCalley

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?



and never taken out !

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**baptized** – *baptizō* (aorist, indicative, passive)

- derived from the word *bapto*
- the idea is “**to dip and take out**”
- But *baptizo* describes an event that happened to every believer by the power of the Holy Spirit
- We have been baptized into Christ and never taken out\*
- Every single believer was immersed into Christ Jesus
- This is a permanent relationship that God has established
- We were immersed into Christ and became identified with Him (we in Him and He in us)\*
- We can never be separated from Him

\* Molloy

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## baptism into Jesus Christ (cont.)

<sup>6:3</sup> Do you not know that all we who were placed in Christ Jesus, in His death were placed? Wuest

- Baptism can be thought of as a placing of a person into a new union with someone else [Christ Jesus] so as to alter the believer's relationship to his previous union [Adam].\*
- New Union [Christ]: At the moment of belief in Jesus Christ the saved person is placed into a vital living union with Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.\*
- Previous Union [Adam]: The believer is now dead [separated] from his sin nature. The believer no longer has to be a slave to that sin nature.\*

\* Wuest via Molloy, edited



2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

now the reason

the law of [new principle of]

the law of [old principle of] the sin

the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

has set you free

from

the law of [old principle of] the death

- the indwelling Holy Spirit who gives life in Christ\*
- Note we have 3 principles involved
- This is **the first** of two reasons why there is “no condemnation”

- the event of being born again and God did it

- liberated from the sin nature’s power and spiritual separation from God\*

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subject

the law [new principle] of the “Spirit of life” in Christ Jesus

- This is in contrast to “the law [old principle] of the sinful nature which is in my members” Rom 7:23b Wuest
- This new principle is because of the Spirit of life [Holy Spirit]
- We are told in John 6:63 It is “the Spirit” who gives life
- Rom 8:11b He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- This life is “in Christ Jesus” – a living union with Christ
- Next, we have what was accomplished by the Holy Spirit

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This is the action  
of the Holy Spirit!

**has set you free** - to make free, liberate from – an event!

- This is an event that happened in every believer's life and it is a reality- the moment you believed !!
- The Holy Spirit is the one who performed the action in you
- But you may not understand it until you have a struggle with your sin nature like Paul
- You **were set free** as following:
  - Free from the principle of the sin nature
  - Free from the principle of the death [spiritual and physical]

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[set] free from “the law [principle] of sin”

- the law of the sin nature - described as follows in Chp. 7
- v:21a I find then the [law] principle that evil [the sin nature] is present in me
- v:23a but I see a different law [law of the sin nature] in the members of my body, waging war
- v:23b making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.
- v:25c I myself --- serving --- with my flesh the law of sin

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[set] free from “the law of sin” (cont.)\*

- But now the Holy Spirit has changed our relationship to the law [principle] of the sin nature
- The Holy Spirit both gives and sustains the believer’s life
- Now you have the Spirit who gave the Law taking up residence in the believer’s life
- Zech 7:12a They made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets.
- We now have a law [Spirit of life in Christ Jesus] that is superior and stronger than the law of the sin nature
- This new law frees the believer from having to follow the desires of the sin nature

\* edited Merryman

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free from “the law of death”

- All men are born spiritually dead
- Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned [in Adam].
- Also Christ spoke of men as being dead
- Matt 8:22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."
- But the Holy Spirit has set us free to be alive to God
- Rom 8:11b He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

# Final Thoughts\*



- The answer to the cry of distress is given in Rom. 8:2.
- This is more than a deliverance from the Law of Moses: it is the immediate deliverance from sin and death.
- The helpless and defeated "I" is in evidence in the one case [Chp 7], and the sufficient and victorious "I" by the Spirit, is in evidence in the other [Chp 8].
- The Christian is to be delivered **by** the "law [or power] of the Spirit."
- The Christian is delivered by the Spirit, but the deliverance is made righteously possible through Jesus Christ our Lord, because of the believer's union with Him.
- Similarly, two natures were still in evidence in the Apostle Paul's experience since with the mind he desired to serve the law of God, but with the flesh he desired to serve the law of sin (Rom. 7:25).
  - He did not remain a defeated Christian, for he found the faith principle of life, and this he states in Romans 8:4. \* Chafer