



The Sin Nature Condemned

What is the Sin Nature?

How did mankind receive this nature?

What two things entered through Adam?

Can a person change his separation from God?

What two things did God do about a person's sin problem?

How and why did God condemn a person's sin nature?



¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



Therefore - *ara* – a transition by logical conclusion*

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.

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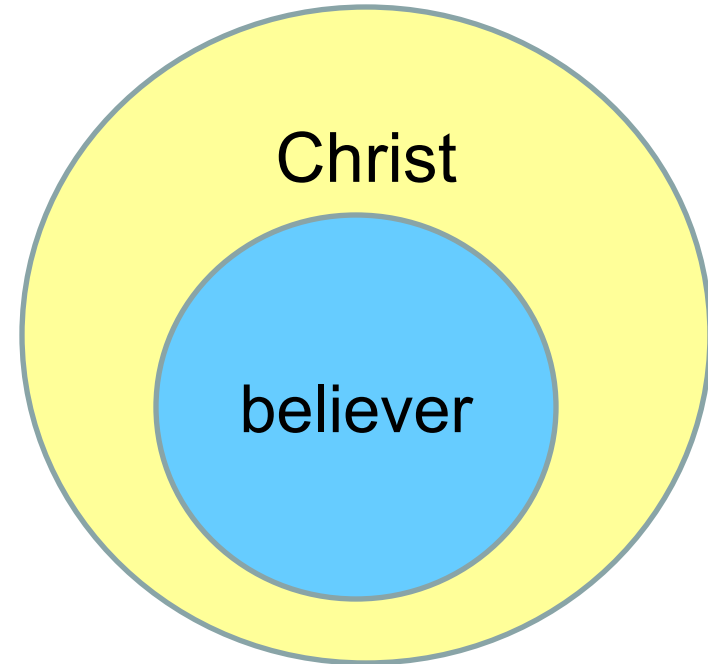
What does “in Christ Jesus” mean?

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 !

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



reason for no condemnation

the law of [principle of]

how a thing operates!

the law of [principle of] the sin

the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

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from

the law of [principle of] the death

- the indwelling Holy Spirit who both gives and sustains life in Christ Jesus*

- the event of being born again and God did it
- This is the first of two reasons why there is “no condemnation”

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

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Today's Verses



3a **For** what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh,

3b **God did:** sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He **condemned sin in the flesh,**

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.

:3a For that which is an impossibility for the law, because it was weak through the sinful nature, Wuest



For – indeed – now 2nd reason for no condemnation

- 1st – you were set free from the sin and death in :v2

God did that
which is
an impossibility

for
the Law

- since we have a definite article it is the Law of Moses

- impossible – *lit*: not able or strong – Wow!
- remember the Law could neither justify nor impart life*
- Rom 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.
- Gal 3:21b For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.

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it was weak through the sinful nature, Wuest



- Now, Paul gives us more details on the inability of **the Law:**
- **because it** [the Law] **was weak through the sinful nature**
- In Chp 7 we saw several battles between the sin nature and the Law:
- Rom 7:5 For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, **which were aroused by the Law**, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.
- Romans 7:7a What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, **I would not have come to know [the] sin except through the Law.**

:3b God having sent own His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, **condemned the sin in the flesh**,

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main verb

God

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[nature]

in the flesh

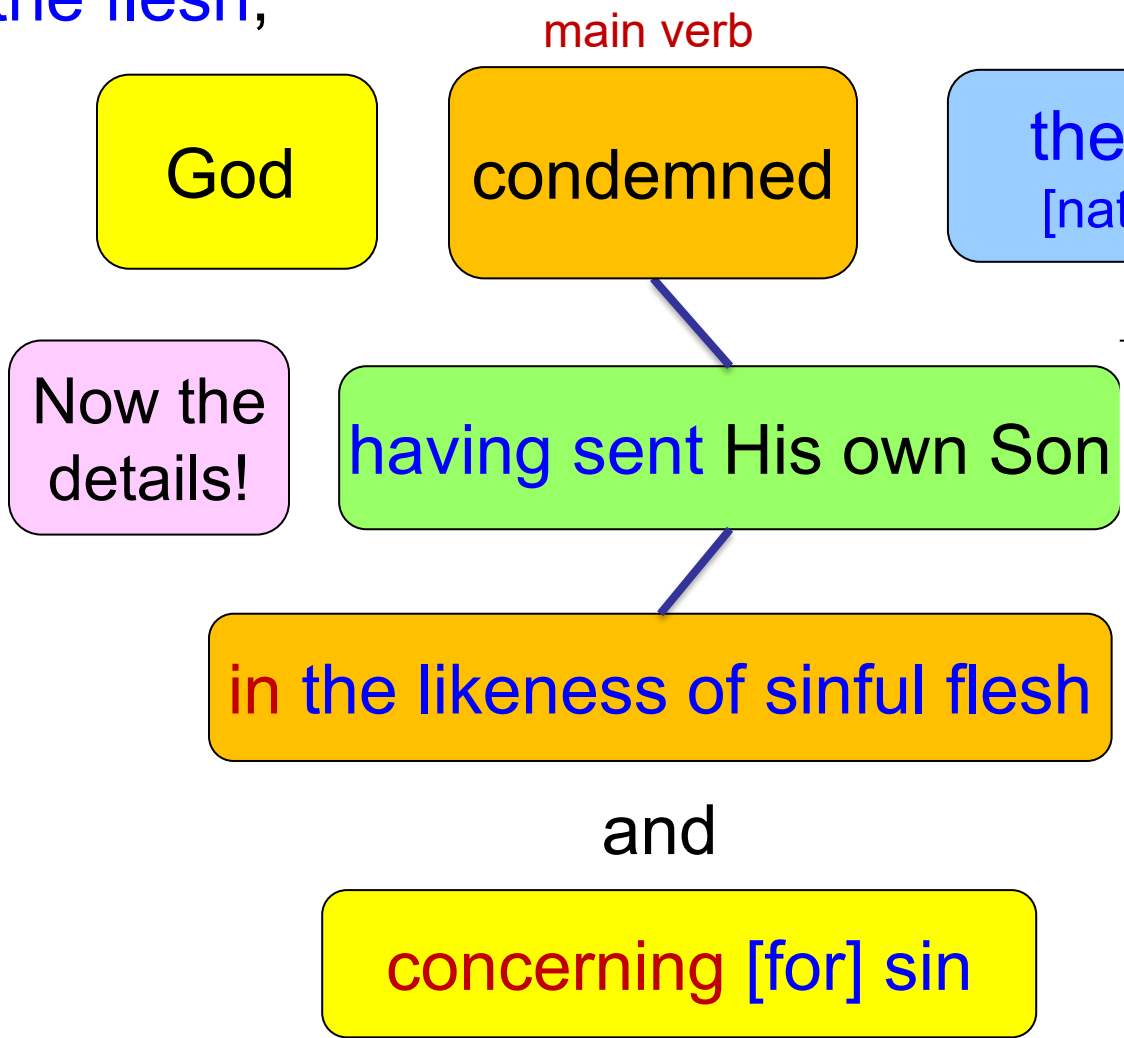
- This is the main statement in verse 3b and verse 4
- The rest of the verse amplifies this statement
- The sin nature [Adam's nature] resides in the flesh
- The sin nature is the dominating factor of the flesh*
- Paul told us in Chp 7 his human will could not control this Adamic nature
- In Chp 6 we were told that the body of sin [sin nature] was **taken offline** so that we would no longer be slaves to sin – since we were crucified with Christ - Gal 2:20

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- this is how God accomplished it !
- it took the “God man” with no sin
- this shows us that God had to deal with **the source** of man’s sin
- God condemned it but **did not remove it**

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The 3 details to this condemnation:

1st - **God having sent His Son**

having sent - *pempō* - of messengers, agents, ambassadors

- this was an event – aorist, active
- Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law
- God's condemnation of sin is expressed in His sending His Son in our nature, and in connection with sin, that He died for it [sin]*
- He took its condemnation upon Himself*
- Christ's death exhibits God's condemnation of sin in the flesh*

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2nd - **in** likeness of flesh of sin,

likeness - *homoīōma* - that which is made like something,
“a resemblance”

- 1 Tim 3:16a And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness; **who was made visible in the sphere of flesh***
- Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, **yet without sin**.
- John 1:14a And **the Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory
- Christ by His sinless life in our nature [flesh] condemned our sinful lives*

* Wuest

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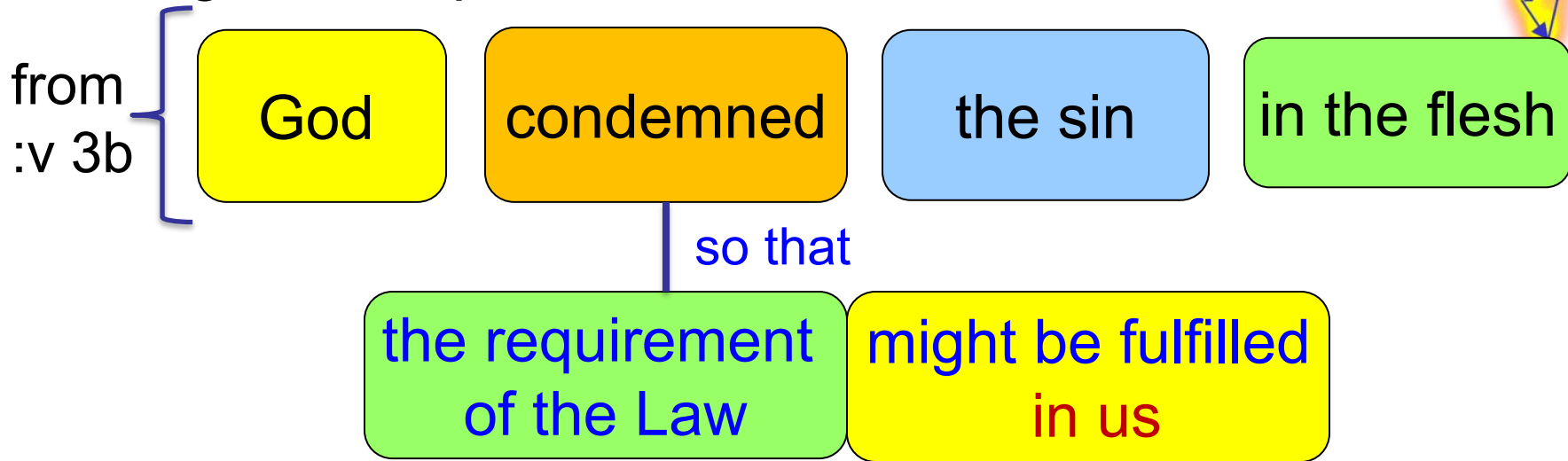
3rd – and concerning [as an offering for] sin

concerning – *peri* – in the place of or in behalf of

- expresses the whole relation of the mission of Christ to sin
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- **for sin** – lit: to atone, to save and to sanctify its [sin's] victims
Vicent
- In doing this Christ condemned sin in the flesh*
- But He is also the substitute of **sins** - acts of sins
- 1 Peter 3:18a For Christ also died “**for sins**” once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God.

* Merryman
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: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.



- now we have **the outcome** in God condemning the sin nature in the flesh
- so that “**the requirement of the Law**” can be fulfilled **in us** not **by us**
- Next the condition for this follows in :v4b
- It will be the Holy Spirit **in us** that can fulfill the requirement of the Law

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.



the requirement of the Law

- Note this is a singular requirement
- What is the singular requirement telling us?*
- Compare with: Gal 5:14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”
- Love is the embodiment of every thing in the Law*
- Now given: Gal 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.
- It is the fruit of the Spirit in me that “love your neighbor as yourself” and fulfills the requirement of the Law in me.*

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- This is how it is possible for “the requirement of the Law” to be fulfilled **in us**
- So the believer is to conduct his life [walking is the metaphor] according to the Spirit
- This is a faith operation according to the Holy Spirit
- But we can conduct our lives according to the flesh
- Paul says in Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Final Thoughts*



- The judgment of the flesh with its lusts was achieved perfectly by Christ in His death unto the sin nature.
- This judgment is referred to in Rom 8:3, where the Apostle says that Christ "condemned [or, judged] sin in the flesh."
- Paul does not imply that the flesh and its lusts were rendered inactive or destroyed, as the KJV translation in Rom 6:6 suggests.
- A judgment rather is gained against the flesh and its lusts by Christ and so the "old man's" power may by the Spirit be disannulled [made void] for such time as victory is claimed by means of the Spirit.

* Chafer

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- The objective is that sin (the nature) should not be served.
- This particular judgment makes it righteously possible for the indwelling Spirit to hold the sin nature in check.
- Were it not for this judgment of the cross, the Spirit could not thus deal with the nature,
- and it is equally evident that He could not dwell where an unjudged sin nature reigns.
- Deliverance from the flesh and its lusts, then, is by the Spirit on the ground of Christ's death.

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