

# What Churches Aren't Telling You About Sin 4

## Conviction vs. Condemnation

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### The difference between Conviction and Condemnation

#### I. What is Condemnation?

**Condemn:** "to give judgment against, pass sentence upon;" hence, "to condemn,"

**Condemnation:** 2631 κατακρίμα [katakrima /kat-ak-ree-mah/] ...damnatory sentence, condemnation.

**Condemnation has a dual meaning. Simply put it is a feeling of judgment and guilt.**

##### 1.) Judgment

**Romans 5:16 (NLT)** *And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to **condemnation**, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.*

**Colossians 3:5-6 (NKJV)** *Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.*

**Romans 6:23 (NKJV)** *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

##### 2.) Guilt

**1 Kings 19:4 (NKJV)** *But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"*

**This is Satanic Condemnation; it offers no Hope!**

**Proverbs 13:12 (NKJV)** *Hope deferred makes the heart sick..*

**Lamentations 3:18 (NKJV)** *And I said, "My strength and my hope Have perished from the LORD."*

**Satan will always cause you to look at your sin, mistakes, situation and try to give you a sense of overwhelming guilt and hopelessness! In other words, there is no way out; that is Satanic Condemnation!**

#### II. No Condemnation

**John 8:10-11 (NKJV)** *When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you: go and sin no more."*

**Condemn:** 2632 κατακρίνω [katakriino /kat-ak-ree-no/] 1 to give judgment against, to judge worthy of punishment.

**There will be a day of Judgment!**

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV)** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

**The judgment that truly counts is God's judgment of His people, which will be completed at Jesus Christ's return.**

**Romans 8:34 (NKJV)** *Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*

#### III. What about Conviction

**Romans 8:1 (NKJV)** *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.***

**John 16:8 (NKJV)** *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

**Galatians 5:16 (NLT)** *So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.*

**Romans 8:6 (AMP)** *Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].*

**1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 (NLT)** *God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, **who gives his Holy Spirit to you.***

**So why is there no condemnation for those who walk according to the Spirit? because HE IS NOT FINISHED WITH US YET!**

**1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)** *But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.*

**1 Corinthians 4:5 (NKJV)** **Therefore judge nothing before the time,** *until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.*

**2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)** *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

**Romans 2:4 (NKJV)** *Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?*

**The Holy Spirit will always lead us to repentance pointing us to Christ!**

**1 John 1:9 (NKJV)** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**1 John 2:1 (NLT)** *My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.*

#### IV. What about Grace!

**James 4:6 (AMP)** *But He gives us more and more grace (power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully). That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it).*

**Hebrews 4:15-16 (NKJV)** *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**No Condemnation but Holy Ghost conviction to repent and live righteously.**

**Matthew 6:33 (AMP)** *But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.*

**1 Timothy 4:8 (NKJV)** *For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.*

**Godliness: 2150 εὐσέβεια [eusebeia /yoo·seb·i·ah/] 1 reverence, respect. 2 piety towards God, godliness.**

**God wants us to live righteously, why because we He gave us the power to do so, and it tells the world you do not have live under the control of Satan and the sinful nature!**

**Next week Easter Sunday You Don't want to miss out! Finishing the series on Total Freedom! If you live with a guilty conscience you don't want to miss this message!!**