No Condemnation– Romans 8:1-2
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"Let this be the end of it if you flip flop between God being for you and going off you. There's no small print. No footnote. No T's + C's. There's simply no condemnation. Not now. Not ever."

As we begin a series through the greatest chapter of the greatest letter ever written, we begin with arguably the greatest sentence of them all: "there is therefore now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus" and consider how this sentence will bring us freedom today.

Lewis preaches the first in our 'VIII: No Condemnation. No Separation' series.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.
- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.
- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?

- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Before hearing today's message, what were your thoughts about 'assurance'? Lewis described it as "an inner conviction that, not only, the gospel is real, but that it's real *for me*." Has this ever been a difficulty for you to accept? Why?
- Of the three implications at the end (Past dealt with / present struggles don't complicate things either God / future safe), which is the good news you most need to hear today? Why?
- Consider the role each person of the Trinity plays in our salvation. Take time to do as the doxology says - "Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost" - for the specific part they played in saving you.