

NO CONDEMNATION.

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NO SEPARATION.

God has done it all– Romans 8:3-4

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How can it be possible that the declaration “there is no condemnation for sinners in Christ Jesus” holds fast despite the believer’s ongoing struggle with sin and failure to love God as required by the law?

Bob opens up this profound text where we discover the only basis for that marvellous declaration is what God has done through the life and sacrificial death of Christ his Son. The law can’t save us from sin and condemnation, but Christ does, and the law can’t change our hearts, but the Holy Spirit does. What a staggering Gospel!

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.

- What has God done for us that we could not do? Consider the significance of this and let your heart rise in praise.
- In light of this good news, how then should we live?
- Having heard the first two messages in this series, how has your understanding of the gospel changed? (Pay attention to the role of each member of the Trinity)