

GOD IS FOR US

Ryland Walter | June 11-12, 2022

Week 1: Not Condemned

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No Condemnation...

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2. God does not _____ you
3. God does not _____ from you

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¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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Christ was _____ for you.

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And so he condemned sin in the flesh... [v.3]

2. You are declared _____;
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REVIEW IT

There is something in humanity that requires justice. God has put this inside each one of us. With it comes the reality that we're not going to make it. We're not good enough to reach God's glorious standard. What do you do when you realize you can't make it? You trust God's promise! God promises that there is now no condemnation in Christ Jesus. God does not punish you. God does not reject you. God does not remove his blessings from you. But you must be in Christ to receive this promise. Why? Because in Christ you are not condemned; Christ was condemned for you. And in Christ you are declared perfect; Christ's perfection was given to you.

Spend some time in the word **Read Romans 8:1-4 and Psalm 103**

TALK ABOUT IT

- Which of these promises for the believer hits you at the deepest level? God does not punish you. God does not reject you. God does not remove his blessings from you.
- Do you ever feel like God is angry with you or out to punish you? Is it difficult in any way to accept the truth that there is no condemnation for us believers in Jesus?
- What does it mean to be "in Christ?"
- Do you ever find yourself trying to do through some law or rule what can only be done through Jesus?

ACT ON IT

Who do you know that needs to be encouraged with the truth of "no condemnation" right now? It might be someone who has not yet trusted in Christ's forgiveness who needs to know they can live a life of no condemnation, or it might be a believer who has gotten caught up in condemning themselves. Pray that God will give you an opportunity to share this message with someone this next week. This is good news worth passing on!

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask for prayer requests from each person in the group that you can pray for during this study. As you pray, remember to thank God for the gift of "no condemnation" that he gives us through Christ.