No Condemnation

Romans 8:1-4

Introduction

On Easter, it is appropriate for us to look at Jesus' death and recognize the impact of it on our lives today.

Background Passage:

Romans $8:1-4 - {}^{1}$ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, 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 in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

What is the therefore there for?

Passage begins with "Therefore," so it is based upon the conclusion made at the end of the previous chapter. What was that conclusion?

God, through Jesus Christ, provided the solution for our struggle with the Law.

Condemnation:

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AV - condemnation 3; 3
1) damnatory sentence, condemnation

Condemnation means to be damned for eternity.

Bible Study:

There is no condemnation – There will be no eternal punishment of any kind for the believer!

Vs. 1 - We may feel condemned, but we are not condemned by God!
We may condemn ourselves,
we may be condemned by others,
the enemy may bring condemnation,
but we are not condemned by God.
Illustration of learning to walk. The father does not condemn the child when he/she falls. Falling is a normal

part of learning to walk. God's interest is how many good steps we take.

Therefore we are eternally secure in Christ!

Vs. 2 – We are free from the law of sin and death! Gal 5:13

Gal 5:13 - For you were called to freedom, brethren; only [do] not [turn] your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

So, don't put yourself back into bondage - Romans 6.

Vs. 3 – The problem is not the weakness of the fless, it's the strength of the flesh!!

Laws don't change people. Otherwise people would have lost their desire for liquor during prohibition. We cannot fulfill the Law! Vs. 3b – The Law can condemn a sinner, but it cannot give him power to overcome his sinning.

Vs. 4 – The Law (perfection) has been fulfilled in us, not by us!

This is the benefit of Christ's atonement, paid on the cross: No Condemnation!

Conclusion:

This doesn't mean that we are always right, obedient, spiritual, or godly.

Can we be corrected without being condemned?

Where / how can God correct us (without condemning us)?

If there is no condemnation, how should we treat others?

If there is no condemnation, how should we think when we are condemned?