



No Condemnation Part 3

In **No Condemnation Part 2** I taught that the Lamb of God, Jesus, at the cross forever took all the penalty against all sin all the way to death for all people. It is the place where the penalty of the Law towards sin was finally met in the body of Jesus. This doesn't mean everyone is saved. This means God is not condemning anyone for their sins because of Christ's finished work.

The cross is good news for you and me, but to one meant death row. You see, the cross was also the place where an eternal sentence was unleashed to the one who created opportunity to form a chaotic world, since the foundation of the world, with hate, sorrow, poverty, disease, and death. The one is Satan.

It was never in God's will for man to harvest hate in their hearts, experience sorrow, live in poverty, contract disease, and die. The Bible says that Jesus cried when Lazarus died (right before raising him from the dead). He cried because He never created man to experience a life of boundless tears. This is the reason why Christ entered the depth of our desolate human condition - to rescue you and me. A ransom that would unleash us from destruction (even from the grave like Lazarus!) and bound an incognito enemy forever.

John 16:8-11, NLT

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in Me. Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

The Bible does speak of a coming judgment here on earth as we see in the book of Revelation. Contrary to popular opinion, this judgment will not come because of man's sin (sin has already been dealt with at the cross forever) but for the Man of Sin – Satan. You see, he has been sentenced with eternal imprisonment at the cross. In other words, Judgment Day will be a day when God will personally carry out that sentence here on earth on Satan and his fallen angels by sending them on their way to eternal imprisonment (Yes, Hell does exist).

Matthew 25:41

Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

God will trigger a gun with a bullet that is destined to hit the heart of Satan and his fallen angels. Notice, everlasting fire was not prepared for man. It was a place for the devil and demons.

However, God then addresses non-believers. There will be non-believers, followers of Satan, who will experience the coming judgment here on earth and eternal Hell because they refuse to believe Jesus as Lord and Savior.

John 5:24

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Let it be a knowing right now: It is never God's intention to hit the heart of man. The gun is not pointing towards man (How can it, when Christ took all penalty), but by not believing in the Lord Jesus, by default, they are against Christ, as Jesus said it Himself. In other words, they are standing in the line of fire hugging Satan by choice, thus partaking the same fate of Satan and his fallen angels.

This is why the Holy Spirit is convicting non-believers of just one sin: not believing in Jesus as Lord and Savior. It is the only sin that will cause you to be against Christ and send you to Hell.

Charles Spurgeon explained it like this:

- Your damnation is your own election, not God's.

Don't misunderstand me; yes, it is true that not believing in Jesus will send you to Hell, but it is not the Gospel. It is not God's message to the world. It is not the truth that sets people free. Yet, we have many who use Hell to try to force non-believers in relationship with God by imparting fear of death instead of removing that fear.

For the believer in Christ, you "shall not come into judgment." Today, the Holy Spirit is convicting you only of being the righteousness of God in spite of your daily sins. In His eyes you are spotless and totally righteous 24/7/365 because you have passed from death to life.

1 Thessalonians 5:9, NLT

For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us.

God is not in the electrical business of throwing lightning bolts over your head because He already chose not to pour his anger on you today. He has unleashed it all in the body of another – Jesus. You don't have to be afraid of God because He is not condemning you for your sins. God is not an angry God. Neither do you have to be afraid of death because Christ has forever stripped him who had the power of death [Satan] and freed those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death through faith in Christ.

Curtis Hudson made an interesting point:

- No one will ever go to Hell who has put his trust in Jesus Christ, but many will end up in torment who have trusted their own righteousness...

There will be a coming judgment for Satan, his fallen angels, and non-believers, but, as a believer in Christ, you are secure in Him. So don't be afraid. Instead, be like those who are anchored in this hope and live life boldly expecting all of God's goodness. Amen.

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