

RIGHTEOUS

Overcoming Condemnation

I. Condemnation is not the will of God-Romans 8:1-2, 10:11

- A. If you are born again, God never designed for you to be condemned-Romans 8:1
 - 1. God has not sentenced you to damnation, judged you worthy of punishment, pronounced you utterly wrong, rejected you, disapproved of you, or pronounced you guilty; in fact he's done the opposite of all of that
 - 2. Hebrews 2:11-Jesus is not ashamed to call be brethren
- B. When you sin, don't focus on how you should feel, but rather what do you believe and what should you do
 - 1. People say you should feel bad when you sin, you should be ashamed, and guilt is good sometimes- That's a lie and it focuses on the wrong stuff
 - 2. I don't like to do things that displease/grieve my Master, my Father, or the Holy Spirit
 - 3. I believe what I did was wrong, I believe remission, cleansing, and forgiveness is available through the blood and therefore I confess my sin and I never take my feelings into account
- C. Yielding to feelings of guilt and condemnation is a walk in the flesh; you're opposing what the Word says; it's says there's no condemnation and you say there is
- D. Conviction Vs. Condemnation
 - 1. Conviction says what you did was not right; condemnation says you're not right because of what you did
 - 2. Conviction comes from the HS; convincing you that what you did is wrong-Jn 16:8
 - 3. Condemnation comes from Satan; condemning YOU as wrong, guilty, unapproved

II. As a Christian God gave you specific instructions to follow if you sin-1 John 1:9

- A. When you sin you need to confess your sin
 - 1. It didn't say cry about it, feel guilty for three days, he said confess it
- B. Jesus is **faithful**-trustworthy, reliable, loyal to forgive you of your sins
 - 1. Jesus will forgive you and cleanse you every time you come to him
- C. Jesus is **just**-Approved by God, right to forgive you and cleanse
 - 1. He has been authorized by God to do it and therefore has a right to do it
- D. Jesus will **forgive**-Cancelling a debt, to release, to forfeit the right to hold captive because of wrong, disregard, not discuss
- E. Jesus will **cleanse**-Make clean, purify, to make clean from physical stains or dirt
- F. The robe of righteousness we wear (Isaiah 61:10)

1. We can fall into sin and get that robe dirty and to forgive us of the sin would mean that he won't hold that stain against us, but the consciousness of us falling for him and for us and would always be there
2. Jesus didn't stop at forgiveness he went ahead and cleansed that robe of the sin to remove so that neither he nor you would be conscious of it when you came to him

III. He remembers your sin no more

- A. Isaiah 43:25-26-He blotted your sin out for his own sake
 1. If He doesn't want to remember your sins, then why are you remembering them
 - a. If He doesn't want to be conscious of them then why should you-Eph 5:1,2
 2. Will-It's His will to not remember my sins
 3. Put him in remembrance of this; not how unrighteous you feel you are
- B. Colossians 2:14-Jesus didn't just pay the price for your sin, he erased all evidence that you ever committed any wrong
 1. Romans 6:23-A price has to be paid for sin and you owed your life; there was a note
 2. Romans 4:4-5-Abraham was a sinner, who had righteousness credited to his account
 3. Romans 4:25-Jesus made my account balance by making me righteous
- C. Philippians 3:13-One thing I've done and that is forgot

IV. You deal with feelings of guilt and condemnation like you do any other feeling you have that doesn't line up with the Word; you fight it off with the word of God, faith in the word, and the words of your mouth,

- A. You have to make the decision that you're going to believe the Word concerning your right-standing with God
 1. The Word says that God will remember your sins no more, you've been cleansed, forgiven, you are right with God and have been absolved from all guilt-Rom 4:25
 - a. Whether you feel like those things are true or not they are
 - b. My feelings have nothing to do with rather I'm the righteousness of God
 2. If you only believe you're righteous when you feel like it you're in trouble
- B. You have to resist feelings guilt, just like you resist any other feeling that doesn't line up with the word of God
 1. Just because you confess your sin and receive your forgiveness doesn't mean that the feelings of guilt and condemnation won't be there
 - a. My feelings are not the meter whereby I gauge whether or not I'm forgiven; if you confessed it he forgave you
 2. Just because you feel guilty doesn't mean you are
 - a. We often wrongly conclude that if we feel guilty, we are no longer in right-standing with God; Our feelings cannot change the fundamental reality of our righteousness in Christ;

3. 2 Corinthians 5:7-We are living are life by faith, not be feeling

C. Yielding to condemnation is simply being more conscious of sin that you've committed than you are the blood of Jesus and what it has done in your life

1. You might feel condemned, but that doesn't mean you are

V. To walk free from guilt and condemnation you have to have faith in the blood (Rom 3:25)

- A. The Blood has justifying power---Ro 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- B. The blood has purchasing power---Ac 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- C. The blood has forgiving power---Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- D. The blood has access power---Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- E. The blood has purchasing power---Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
- F. The blood has reconciling power---Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.
- G. The blood has purging power---Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- H. The blood has cleansing power---1Jo 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- I. The blood has washing power---Re 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
- J. The blood has take away power---Heb 10:4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
- K. The blood has remitting power---Ro 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
- L. The blood has boldness-giving power---Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

- M. The blood has sanctifying power---Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.
- N. The blood has overcoming power---Re 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
- O. The blood has raising dead power and strengthenign power---Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
- P. A big part of having faith in the blood is agreeing with what it says (Hebrews 12:24)