

NO CONDEMNATION

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,” (Rom 8:1)

This bold affirmation is true! It is “Good News”! It is so wonderful and profound that the prophet Isaiah declared it beyond the wildest imagination of man (Is. 64:4) . Paul quoted Isaiah to the Corinthians to remind them that what no eye had seen, no ear had heard, and what the heart of man never conceived, God has now revealed unto us through His Spirit (1 Cor. 2:9 - 10). Included in this “Good News” is the fact that there is “no condemnation” to those who are in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel is such “good news” that it almost seems too good to be true. Isaiah asked “Who has believed our message . . . ? (Isa 53:1) Paul quoted these same words when many of his fellow Israelites rejected Christ (Rom. 10:16).

This was particularly troubling to Paul, because the Israelites were the very ones to whom God had entrusted the covenants, the law, the temple worship, the promises, and the patriarchs (Rom. 9:4 - 5). They had no excuse for not believing!

Remember that when God says something, it is so!

- On the second day of creation “God said” that there was to be an expanse to separate the water above it and the water below it “and it was so” (Gen. 1:7).
- On the third day of creation “God said” that the waters were to gathered together and the dry land was to appear “and it was so” (Gen. 1:9).
- Also on the third day “God said” that the land was to produce seed bearing vegetation “and it was so” (Gen. 1:11).
- On the fourth day “God said” that there were to lights in the sky to separate the day from the night “and it was so” (Gen. 1:15).
- On the sixth day “God said” that the land was to produce living creatures “and it was so” (Gen. 1:24).
- Also on the sixth day “God said” that every seed bearing plant was given to us for food “and it was so” (Gen. 1:30).

When Abraham had trouble believing, God took him outside of his tent and showed him the stars (Gen. 15:5). After pondering the creative power of God “Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6).

When Job had trouble believing, God told him to look at the behemoth which He had made (Job. 40:15).

David’s faith was emboldened by the fact that “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” (Ps 19:1)

We have plenty of evidence for believing.

We have no excuse!

We must believe that when God declares that we have “no condemnation”, “It is so”!