

## **No More Condemnation**

### **Romans 8:1**

*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

### **Introduction**

The condition that humanity finds itself is not a pretty picture. With all the attempts throughout the centuries to better itself, it is clear that mankind is affected by something so sinister and so evil that it is hopeless to rid itself of such leprosy.

Men have studied, evaluated and attempted to change the human condition only to find that all of its efforts in the long run are useless. As soon as there seems to be a little progress in the right direction, another child is born with as much propensity toward evil as the first. (viper in diaper)

There is a popular teaching in the scholastic world that says we are born with certain brain patterns and that is reason we are what we are. They do studies of brains scans and see a difference between the brain of someone that might be given over to a

certain evil practice and then compare that with the brain of someone who is not and conclude because there is a difference that they were born that way.

Whether it be the drunkard, or the gambling addict. or the homosexual or the serial killer...it is claimed that because their are different neurological connections and differing brain patterns that this is the cause of the behavior. In recent years this has gone as far as excusing the behavior child molesters claiming that they can't help it because their brains are wired that way and they are born this way.

But this is a classic example of getting the cart before the horse. Who's pulling who here.

A conclusion has been made that because there are different patterns in the brain after years of habitual practice of a sin that the brain was like this before it started the behavior. However, what is not known is what the brain looked like before.

They now know that the brain can form new neurological connections later in life. i.e. someone who suffers a stroke and through long periods of physical therapy see some relief from paralysis and the Brain makes new pathways and new neurological connections.

We have redefined our actions and patterns behavior in terms that are that refer to mental illness

We use terms like

- mood disorders (such as depression or bipolar disorder)
- anxiety disorders.
- personality disorders.
- psychotic disorders (such as schizophrenia)
- eating disorders.
- trauma-related disorders (such as post-traumatic stress disorder)
- substance abuse disorders.

addict, ADHD, ADD, Alcoholism, etc.

I was talking so someone this past week and this person was using the term passive aggressive alot.

I told him that this is a good example of how the church has been affected by Darwinian Freudianism, modern day integration psychology and psychotherapy into Christian counseling.

Sinful patterns and actions are disguised and redefined to be non offensive , sinless actions that need to be embraced but maybe seen as unhealthy.

All of these things I have discussed are extremely dangerous to the society and the church.

It systemically hides the problem that that we are going to be held accountable for. OUR SIN

Instead of being sinful, it is sickness

Instead of being deadly, it is disorder

Instead of being wrong, it is weakness

Instead of being destructive, its determinative

Instead of being lawlessness, its lifestyle

Instead of being condemned, its condoned.

The devil knows that all of were born with a conscious with the Law of God written on our hearts. So if you can't get rid of the conscious condemning you for your violation of the law and the committing of sin, just redefine is. Destroy the power of the law by removing the offense to the conscious.

This is the reprobate mind.

Romans 1.

If we are going to be saved we need to see what we need to be saved from.

The popular Christianized bumper sticker theology that says “Got Jesus” is wholly insufficient to speak to the serious need facing the human race.

Our verse says

Romans 8:1

*There is* therefore **now** no **condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus,

If there is now no condemnation, then that presupposes that there was condemnation.

We need to understand that the Bible is a very condemning book, from Genesis to Revelation. It is relentless in its affirmation of the judgment against humanity.

Genesis 2:16–17 (NASB95)

16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying,  
“From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;  
17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

### Genesis 3:17–19 (NASB95)

- 17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;  
Cursed is the ground because of you;  
In toil you will eat of it  
All the days of your life.
- 18 “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;  
And you will eat the plants of the field;
- 19 By the sweat of your face  
You will eat bread,  
Till you return to the ground,  
Because from it you were taken;  
For you are dust,  
And to dust you shall return.”

### Genesis 6:5–7 (NASB95)

- 5** Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- 6 The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.
- 7 The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to

animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.”

Deuteronomy 24:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> “Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* children, nor shall children be put to death for *their* fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

Ezekiel 18:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> “Behold, all souls are Mine;  
The soul of the father  
As well as the soul of the son is Mine;  
The soul who sins shall die.

Ezekiel 18:20 (NASB95)

<sup>20</sup> “The person who sins will die....”

Jeremiah 31:30 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

### John 3:18–19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

### Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

### Romans 5:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> And the gift *is* not like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For the judgment *which came* from one *offense resulted* in condemnation, but the free gift *which came* from many offenses *resulted* in justification.

### Romans 5:18–19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as through one man’s offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous



act *the free gift* came to all men, resulting in justification of life. <sup>19</sup> For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 3:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.*"

2 Thessalonians 1:7–9 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His

mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

This condemnation is true and is inevitable because we are Sinners

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:9–12 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:

*“There is none righteous, no, not one;*

<sup>11</sup> *There is none who understands;*

*There is none who seeks after God.*

<sup>12</sup> *They have all turned aside;*

*They have together become unprofitable;*

*There is none who does good, no, not one.”*

Romans 1:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> For *there is* not a just man on earth who does good

And does not sin.

Galatians 3:22 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

## 1 John 1:8–10 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

## Romans 3:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

1. We are the Product of Sin
2. We are under the Power of Sin
3. We are under the Penalty of Sin

Our text provides the greatest hope for man. A means to be made right with God. A removal of the the just condemnation. A true reconciliation. A desperately needed Justification.

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I. The Context

II. The Condemnation

III. The Confirmation

# I. The Context

*There is* therefore now

Ουδεν αρα νυν κατακριμα τοις εν Χριστω  
Ιησου

ara: therefore (an illative particle)

Original Word: ἄρα

Part of Speech: Particle, Disjunctive Particle

Transliteration: ara

Phonetic Spelling: (ar'-ah)

Definition: therefore (an illative particle)

Usage: then, therefore, since.

686 ára (probably akin to arō, "to join, be fitting,"  
see J. Thayer, Curtius) – an inferential particle  
meaning "it follows that . . . ".

[J. Thayer, "686 (άρα) intimates that 'under these circumstances, something either is so, or becomes so' " (so also Klotz, 167).

Ουδεν απα νυν κατακριμα τοις εν Χριστω  
Ιησου

nun: now, the present

**Original Word:** νῦν

**Part of Speech:** Adverb

**Transliteration:** nun

**Phonetic Spelling:** (noon)

**Definition:** now, the present

**Usage:** adv. (a) of time: just now, even now; just at hand, immediately, (b) of **logical connection: now then**, (c) in commands and appeals: at this instant.

3568 νύν (an adverb) – now, as the **logical result of what precedes; now, in light of what has gone before.**

So why is the the therefore now therefore now.

I don't believe that it just refers back to the the last of chapter 7

Romans 7:24–8:1 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

**8** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

I believe Paul is referring to the whole argument of 1-7

It is the logical connection and conclusion of the Gospel.

### **Gospel Theme**

Romans 1:16–18 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

<sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “*The just shall live by faith.*”

### ***Bad news***

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,  
Romans 2:1–2 (NKJV)

**2** Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. <sup>2</sup> But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

### Romans 2:5–6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup> who “*will render to each one according to his deeds*”:

### Romans 2:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law

### Romans 2:21–23 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who make



your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?

Romans 3:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Good news

Romans 3:21–22 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

### Romans 3:24–25 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

### Romans 3:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

### Romans 4:22–5:1 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> And therefore *“it was accounted to him for righteousness.”*

<sup>23</sup> Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, <sup>24</sup> but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered

up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

**5** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:9–10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

<sup>10</sup> For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 5:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous

act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life.

### Romans 5:20–21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, <sup>21</sup> so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Romans 6:3–5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,

### Romans 6:8–9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been

raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Romans 6:22–23 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 7:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

**8** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,

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## I. The Context

# II. The Condemnation

*There is* therefore now no **condemnation**

Ουδεν αρα νυν **κατακριμα** τοις εν Χριστω  
Ιησου

only used in Romans

**katakrima: penalty**

**Original Word:** κατάκριμα, ατος, τό

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Neuter

**Transliteration:** katakrima

**Phonetic Spelling:** (kat-ak'-ree-mah)

**Definition:** penalty

**Usage:** punishment following condemnation, penal servitude, penalty.

Cognate: 2631 *katákrima* (from 2596 /*katá*, "down, according to," intensifying 2917 /*kríma*, "the results of judgment") – properly, the exact **sentence of condemnation handed down after due process** (establishing guilt). See 2632 (*katakrinō*).

this refers to the actual punishment, not just the declaration. but the penalty, the sentence

You are guilty, there for you will receive this punishment.

This different from John 3:18-19

John 3:18–19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil

.krínō – properly, to separate (distinguish), i.e. judge; come to a choice (decision, judgment) by making a judgment – either positive (a verdict in favor of) or negative (which rejects or condemns).

J. Thayer comments that "the proper meaning of [2919](#) (krínō) is to pick out (choose) by separating" (as also used in Homer,

Herodotus, Aeschyl., Xenophon, Plato). 2919 /krínō ("distinguish, judge") **typically refers to making a determination of right or wrong (innocence or guilt), especially on an official (legal) standard.** We only judge (2919 /krínō) accurately by intelligent comparison and contrast based on God's word, i.e. to approve (prefer) what is correct and reject what is inferior (wrong).

[2919 (krínō) is used of "**bringing to trial**" (the trying of fact) in a court of law.

2919 (krinō) originally meant "separate." So Homer, of Ceres separating the grain from the chaff (Iliad, v, 501). Thence, 'to distinguish, to pick out, to be of opinion, to judge' " (WS, 418).]

## I. The Context

## II. The Condemnation

# III. The Confirmation

Romans 8:1

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,*

**Ουδεν** αρα νυν **κατακριμα** τοις εν Χριστω Ιησου

oudeis and outheis, oudemia, ouden and outhen:  
no one, none

**Original Word:** οὐδείς, οὐδεμία, οὐδέν



**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Transliteration:** oudeis and outheis, oudemia, ouden and outhen

**Phonetic Spelling:** (oo-dice')

**Definition:** no one, none

**Usage:** no one, none, nothing.

3762 oudeís (from 3756 /ou "no, not" and 1520 /heís, "one") – properly, not one; no one, nothing.

3762 /oudeís ("**no one, nothing at all**") is a **powerful negating conjunction. It rules out by definition, i.e. "shuts the door" objectively and leaves no exceptions.** 3762 (oudeís) is deductive in force so it excludes every (any) example that is included withing the premise (supposition).  
[3762 /oudeís ("not one, none") **categorically excludes, declaring as a fact that no valid example exists.**]

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,*

Romans 4:7–8 (NKJV)

*<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
And whose sins are covered;*

<sup>8</sup> *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.*”

John 3:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 5:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> “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.

Galatians 3:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*”),

**how is the possible**

*There is therefore now no condemnation to*  
*those who are in Christ Jesus,*

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**Ιησου**  
τοις to dative, to or for the ones

**in Christ Jesus,**

Romans 16:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were **in Christ** before me.

John 14:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> **At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.**

John 15:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> **Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**

1 Corinthians 1:30 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

## 1 Corinthians 15:22 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

## 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

## Galatians 3:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

## Philippians 3:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

## Ephesians 1:3–6 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,

that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup> having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

### **What does being “in Christ mean”**

Romans 6:3–5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection,

Colossians 2:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 2:11–15 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

### Ephesians 2:11–18 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup> that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in

Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, <sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, <sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. <sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.