

**NO CONDEMNATION?
PART 3
ROMANS 8:1-17**

Introduction

We're looking at the **ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER** in this sub-series: We're looking at the statement of *Romans 8:1* that says, "***There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus.***" **NO CONDEMNATION? How is that possible?**

Thus far we have seen seven reasons from **SCRIPTURE** that prove there can **NEVER BE CONDEMNATION** of a **GENUINE CHILD OF GOD** ever again:

- I. Because God's Power Keeps Him Saved!*
 - II. Because "Everlasting Life" and "Eternal Life" Have No End!*
 - III. Because Salvation Is By Grace Through Faith, Not By The Law Or By Works!*
 - IV. Because Our Redemption Is An Eternal Redemption!*
 - V. Because Jesus Is Our Substitute!*
 - VI. Because Of The Principle Of The New Birth!*
 - VII. Because There Is An Unbroken Chain In God's Plan Of Salvation.*
- What is this plan? It consists of six parts:
Foreknowledge, Election, Predestination, Calling, Justification, Glorification.

Tonight we pick up with the next reason:

VIII. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION BECAUSE OF THE MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE! (ROMANS 8:1-17)

A. The INDWELLING MINISTRY Of The HOLY SPIRIT!

The **SCRIPTURES** definitely teach that in this **CHURCH AGE**, the **HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS** the life of **EVERY SAVED INDIVIDUAL!**

The **SCRIPTURES** also definitely teach that **this INDWELLING begins at the time that a person FIRST BELONGS TO CHRIST!** (not at some later date.)

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And, the **SCRIPTURES** definitely teach that **THE INDWELLING OF HIS PRESENCE SHALL CONTINUE WITHOUT ENDING!**

1. The HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD INDWELLS The Life Of Every SAVED Person! (Vs 9)

Two facts are brought out in this verse.

a. The HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD Does Actually INDWELL A PERSON!

HE is not just an external force.

b. The HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD INDWELLS Every Person Who Is SAVED!

This refutes the false teaching that says when a person is **SAVED** the **HOLY SPIRIT** only comes to **DWELL WITH HIM**, but that at some later time, at some subsequent experience after conversion, the **HOLY SPIRIT** comes within to **DWELL INSIDE** the **BELIEVER!**

2. 1 Corinthians 3:16.

This verse refers to the **CORINTHIAN BELIEVERS**, into whose lives had come **envying, strife, and divisions** as well as **some other distasteful sins!**

They certainly were not without sin, nor had they reached a state of full surrender to GOD'S WILL; nevertheless, PAUL'S word to them was that they had THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLING in their bodies just the same!

We know that they were saved by reading **1 Corinthians 3:1.**

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3. ***1 Corinthians 6:9-19.***
Even though some of these **BELIEVERS** had a problem with **FORNICATION**, **PAUL** writes that **they still had the HOLY SPIRIT dwelling in them!**
4. ***John 14:16-17.***
 - a. **JESUS** promised that the **HOLY SPIRIT** would **COME TO ABIDE** with them **FOREVER!**
 - b. **JESUS** said this **DWELLING** would be an **INDWELLING** presence of the **SPIRIT!**
 - c. **JESUS** said that **the world (i.e. the unsaved)** **could not receive THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

Now, if the **HOLY SPIRIT** dwells only in a **SAVED** person and **HE NEVER LEAVES** that person, then of course that person **CAN NEVER BE LOST AFTER HE IS SAVED!**

This does not mean that a **CHILD OF GOD** cannot do things that will **HURT** or **GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT** who **DWELLS IN HIM!** (*Ephesians 4:30*)

Anything a **BELIEVER** does that is wrong, will **GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**, but **THE HOLY SPIRIT** does not leave the **CHILD OF GOD** when he sins.

5. **Objections.**
Why does the **BIBLE** say in *1 Samuel 16:14*–“*But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul,...*” and...
Why did **DAVID** pray to **GOD** in *Psalms 51:11*, “*Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.*”

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In **OLD TESTAMENT** times, **THE SPIRIT OF GOD** would come on men and empower them for service, but **HE DID NOT INDWELL THEM.**

We’ve seen already where **JESUS PROMISED HIS DISCIPLES** that **THE HOLY SPIRIT** would come to them after **HIS** departure and **INDWELL THEM!**

The INDWELLING of the HOLY SPIRIT is unique to the CHURCH AGE!

There Is No Condemnation Because Of The Indwelling Ministry Of The Holy Spirit.

B. The SEALING MINISTRY Of The HOLY SPIRIT! ***(Ephesians 1:12-14)***

When a person **BELIEVES** the **GOSPEL** and is **SAVED**, he is “**SEALED**” with **THE HOLY SPIRIT!** That is the expression used in the **BIBLE!**

Now, just what does it mean for the **BELIEVER** to be “**SEALED**”?

1. **A SEAL Represents An EARNEST Or PLEDGE.**
(Vs 14)
 - a. The “**possession**” refers to the **CHILD OF GOD** who is owned by **JESUS CHRIST!**
 - b. The “**possession**” has been “**purchased**” by the **BLOOD OF CHRIST!**
 - c. The **HOLY SPIRIT** is said to be the “**EARNEST**” or **PLEDGE** until the **FINAL REDEMPTION** (referring to the time when **JESUS** comes again to take us **HOME** with **HIM!**)

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(e.g. *Buying a car and putting down earnest money.*)

Romans 8:23—“...ourselves also, which have **the first fruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit **the redemption of our body.**”

One day, at the **RAPTURE**, we will be resurrected with bodies, but they will be **CHANGED** or **GLORIFIED** to be like the body **CHRIST** now has in **HEAVEN!** (**1 Corinthians 15:25-58**)

But already, right now, we have the **“firstfruits,”** the first installment or down payment of the **HOLY SPIRIT** as a guarantee of our resurrection life to come!

- d. **THE HOLY SPIRIT** is our **PROMISE** that one day we shall certainly have a complete inheritance.

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2. A SEAL Represents OWNERSHIP.

2 Timothy 2:19a says this: “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, **having this seal.** The Lord knoweth them that are his.”

So with **THE HOLY SPIRIT** as our SEAL, there is definite knowledge that we belong to the LORD!

Sometimes we cannot say for sure just who is a **CHILD OF GOD** and who is not; but there is one thing for sure—**THE LORD KNOWS!**

Matthew 7:21-23

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3. **A SEAL Represents SECURITY!** (**Ephesians 4:30**)
This verse points out for exactly what length of time we are sealed for **“unto the day of redemption.”**

Therefore, we can say that surely this SEAL acts as SECURITY, and makes us so SECURE that **NOTHING** will be able to keep us from arriving at that day.

Conclusion

So, the question is this: Have you ever become a **GENUINE CHILD OF GOD?** I’m not asking if you’ve:

Prayed a sinner’s prayer,

Been baptized,

Joined a Church, or

If you are doing the best you can.

If you are not a **CHILD OF GOD**, why don’t you come let us show you how to get into **GOD’S FAMILY** today!?

If you are a **CHILD OF GOD**, know that you are **SECURE** in your **SALVATION** because of the **MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** in your life!

1) **The INDWELLING MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT!**

2) **The SEALING MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT!**

We are **INDWELT**, that is a fact. But we are **COMMANDED TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT!** **Ephesians 5:15-18**

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT so that the **SPIRIT IS IN CONTROL** of your life and you are **WALKING IN THE SPIRIT!** **Galatians 5:16-25**

If you are **FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**, the **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** will come through in your life!