



Therefore, there is now
NO CONDEMNATION
for those who are
in **CHRIST JESUS**

Romans 8 : 1



No Condemnation

Unshakable Hope Chapter 9

The background of the slide is a landscape photograph. It shows a dirt road that starts in the foreground and leads into the distance, curving slightly to the right. The road is flanked by green grass and some low-lying vegetation. In the background, there are rolling hills and a cloudy sky. The overall color palette is dominated by greens and browns, with a soft, hazy atmosphere.

THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS

THE WAY OF SUBMISSION

Acts 9: 1-20

Now Saul,
BREATHED
threats
AND
murder

AGAINST THE DISCIPLES
OF THE LORD

ACTS 9:1

Damascus

Jerusalem



Acts 9:4-5

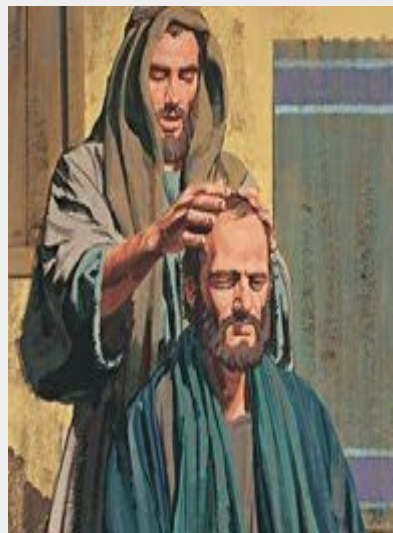
"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

**"I am Jesus, whom you are
persecuting," He replied.**



On the road to
Damascus, the
Lord told Saul of
Tarsus to "Arise
and go into the
city, and you will
be told what
you must do."
(Acts 9:6)



And immediately
there fell from his
eyes as it had been
scales: and he
received sight
forthwith, and arose,
and was baptized.





Preached in Damascus



Acts 9:20-25

(23) Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. **(24)** But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. **(25)** Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

Romans 3: 10-11

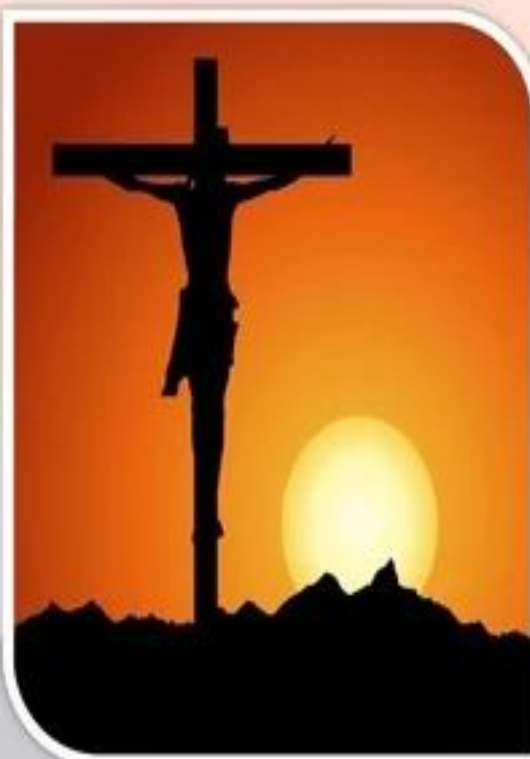
There is no
one righteous
not even

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No one is righteous, no one understands, no one seeks God. We cannot meet God's standards by our own efforts. If we defend ourselves and commend ourselves as being worthy of God's attention, we disqualify ourselves from his grace. Yet when we acknowledge we aren't righteous, haven't understood God's ways and haven't sought God, we have opened the way to receive his grace. Grace that is abundant, free and life-changing. Grace that removes our guilt and shame.

**HE HIMSELF BORE
OUR SINS IN HIS
BODY ON THE
CROSS, SO THAT
WE MIGHT DIE TO
SIN AND LIVE TO
RIGHTEOUSNESS;
FOR BY HIS
WOUNDS YOU
WERE HEALED.**

1 Peter 2:24



Who is the ultimate standard of righteousness that Paul is speaking of in this scripture?

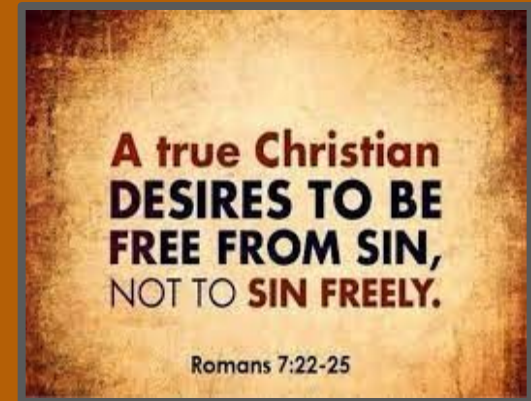
How do you feel about a sinless life being the standard?

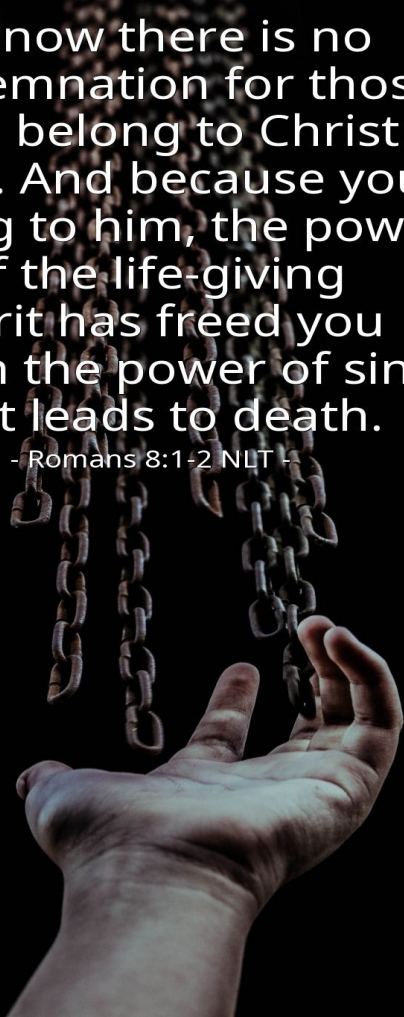
THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE HEAVENS — JESUS THE SON OF GOD — LET US HOLD FAST TO THE CONFESSION. FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS UNABLE TO SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR WEAKNESSES, BUT ONE WHO HAS BEEN TESTED IN EVERY WAY AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN. THEREFORE LET US APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE WITH BOLDNESS, SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP US AT THE PROPER TIME.

HEBREWS 4:14-16

When I come up against the Law I want to do good, but in practice I do evil. My conscious mind whole-heartedly endorses the Law, yet I observe an entirely different principle at work in my nature. This is in continual conflict with my conscious attitude, and makes me an unwilling prisoner to the law of sin and death. In my mind I am God's willing servant, but in my own nature I am bound fast, as I say, to the law of sin and death. It is an agonizing situation, and who on earth can set me free from the clutches of my sinful nature?

- Romans 7:21-24, J.B. Phillips Translation



A close-up photograph of a human hand reaching upwards, palm facing up. Above the hand, several heavy metal chains are falling through the air, as if they have just been released. The background is dark, making the hand and the metallic chains stand out. This visual metaphor represents liberation from the bondage of sin.

So now there is no
condemnation for those
who belong to Christ
Jesus. And because you
belong to him, the power
of the life-giving
Spirit has freed you
from the power of sin
that leads to death.

- Romans 8:1-2 NLT -

How does the statement of this promise help you resolve the dilemma just described in Romans 7?

What has the Spirit done for you?

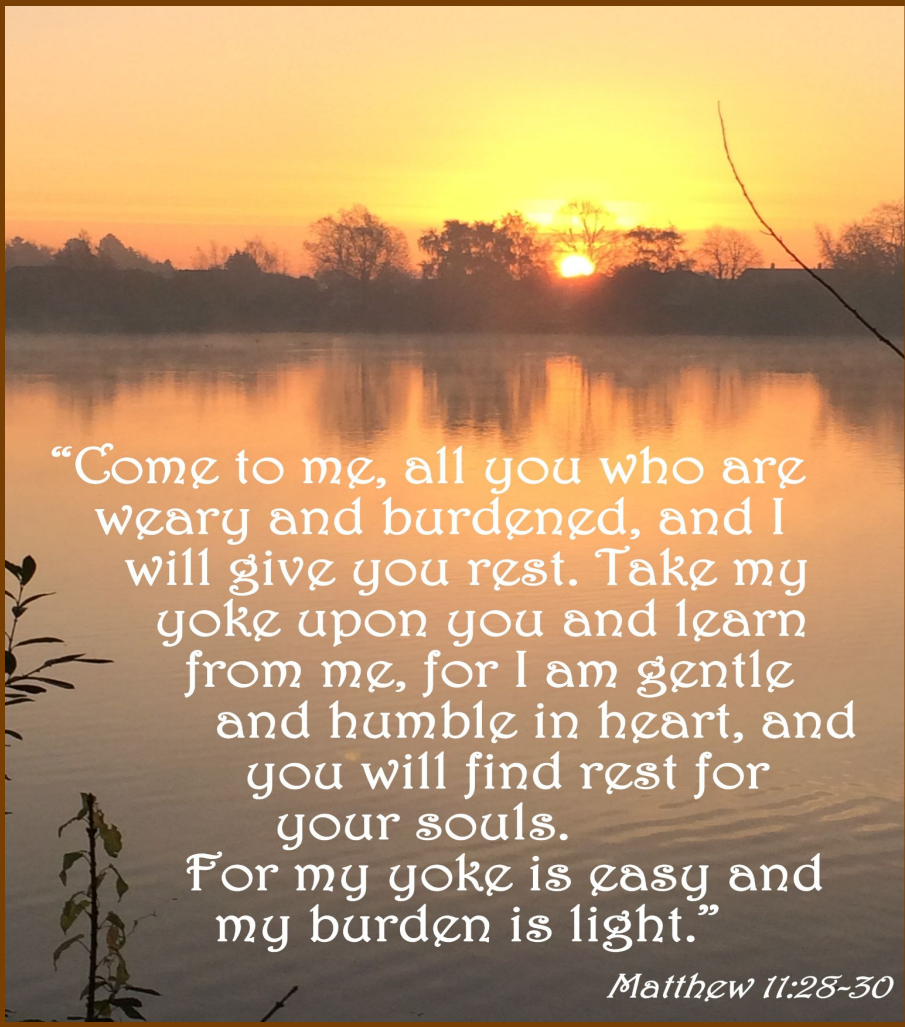
Does your life reflect that you are free from condemnation?



Verse of the Day

John 10:28-30

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.""



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Why is Jesus saying His burden is light and His yoke is easy?

How does believing in Christ bring us rest?

How could it bring you rest right now?

just **1** final question ...

**“Do You
Love Me?”**

(John 21:15-17)



*There is no fear in love.
But perfect love drives out fear,
because fear has to do with
punishment. The one who fears
is not made perfect in love.*

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1 JOHN 4:18

*Let us love
not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.*

1 John 3:18