



Why are feelings dangerous?

If you feel God does not love you does that mean He doesn't

What has made us near to God? Ephesians 2v13

Does this have anything to do with feelings?

Condemnation and depression go hand in hand. They feed off each other.

Try these Questions from Romans 8



- v1 **Is there any condemnation to a Christian?**
- v 31 **What is the answer to the second part of this Scripture?**
- v 32 **Why did God give us Jesus?**
- v 33 **Who sometimes tries to bring accusations)against God's people?**
- v 34 **Will Jesus condemn us? (especially if He's praying for us!)**
- v 35 **What can separate us from the love of God?**
- v 37 **Can we conquer any condemnation, sin or trial?**

Not only is Satan quick to condemn us on our past record of sins. He also loves to tell us that God can't possibly use us in His service; we have too many weakness and we are just not good enough.

Is this true?

This is a self fulfilling lie. If we believe it, it can become true.



"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2v10

In fact it is the opposite of Satan's lie, that is the truth - Jesus seems to delight in picking people with weaknesses to do His work. This is so that he will receive all the Glory and not us. 1 Corinthians 1v27-31

If you look at yourself and see all kinds of weaknesses, watch out Jesus wants to show His Glory in you!



What is Condemnation?

Why is Jesus the only one who can condemn us?

Can my weaknesses stop me from being useful to God?

Why are feelings unreliable, what should I put in their place?



However condemnation may come; fears in our hearts or the hard words others speak to us, the first mistake is listening! The second is dwelling on. Listen, instead to the words of Jesus. Put the words you hear in perspective by measuring them against the Bible.

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How has your week been?

What has God shown you this week?

What has been the best thing that has happened this week?

What has been your biggest challenge?



Condemnation

Have you ever heard a quiet voice in the back of your head saying

I'm no good as a Christian
I will never amount to anything
God can't possibly use me
I'm a no good sinner
God can't love me knowing what I'm like
I am a failure
God must have finished with me.

You have asked God to forgive you but you still feel like your not good enough. You have done your best but you feel like it is not enough. Everything you have done wrong in the past keep jumping into your head. You are just not good enough. If you have ever felt like that, or feel like that now, this study is for you.



Condemnation

Condemnation a heavy, dark, dank, clammy word.

It means to be found guilty, to be exposed and sentenced as a sinner.

To be pronounced not good enough for use!

It is the voice that reminds you of your sins, weaknesses and inability's.



Condemnation is not the same as conviction. Conviction is the Holy Spirit making us aware of sin, so that we can deal with it. Condemnation is having the weight of that sin drop on us and pin us to the spiritual floor.

What is the difference between Conviction and Condemnation?



Conviction leads to Repentance, Freedom and Life.
Condemnation leads to Judgment, Guilt and Death.

Many Christians struggle with condemnation solely because they do not recognise what it is or where it comes from.



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 **The source of condemnation.**
This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 1 John 3v19-20

 **What is the source of condemnation?
What do you think this mean?**

This is when we give ourselves a hard time for all our failures.

 **Who has the final word God or our heart?
What should we do when our hearts condemn us?**

If we have done something wrong we, ask God for forgiveness and do what we have to put it right. This is conviction. If it is condemnation we must reject it and tell ourselves it is not true.

 *Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Luke 6v37*
What is the source of condemnation?

This is when those around us, by their words or actions put us down or belittle us. They see things in us that are just not good enough or not to their liking. The Bible warns us against doing this Romans 14v4, 2v1-4.

 **What should you do when others do this to you?
What effect does it have in your life?
What should you do about the things others have said about you in the past?**

 *The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.... "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. Revelation 12v9-10*
What is the source of condemnation?

This 'mother of all condemnation.' The name Satan means adversary or accuser. One who will always point to our faults. Zechariah 3v1-2, Job 1v6-11. It's Satan job, he will try to make you 'feel wrong' before God.

Why would he do this?

Simple take away your joy and make you fail, or at least underachieve.

 **How is Satan described in these verses?**
John 8v44
John 10v10
How does he do this?

One of Satan's favourite little games is to trip you up in some fairly minor sin and then hit you over the head with a big guilt trip. "Look what you've done! and you call yourself a Christian!!!" There is a big difference between guilt and 'Godly Sorrow.' 2 Corinthians 7v10.

 **Key verse**
"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8v1.

What does this mean?

When Jesus forgave your sins He broke the power those sins had over your life. With it, He took away the right of anyone to condemn us of those sins. Jesus does not do condemnation!

 **Three Questions:**
**Are we guilty before God?
Is Satan just in reminding us of our sins forgiven?
Do we have to listen?**

If you feel guilty for sins that have already been forgiven, it is not God who is making you feel that way.

 **Are you good enough for God?
Does God accept you as you are?
What does God think of you right now?**

You never can be good enough that is why Jesus had to die for our sins. When we believe in Him, He forgives our sins and makes us more than good enough. Jesus gives us his righteousness. We are good enough because He says so. Phil 3v9, Romans 5v17, Matthew 22v1-14.

 *"Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." Acts 10:15*
**What does this mean?
Does all this mean you can just behave how you want to because God make us clean?**

 **A Case Study Read John 8v1-11.**
**Was the woman guilty?
Why was she brought before Jesus?
Contrast the feelings Jesus had for this woman to the Pharisees?
Why did the men walk away?**

We stand exactly where that woman stood. Guilty of sin, exposed as a failure, humiliated. Many people pointing the finger and accusing. We stand before the One to whom we must answer, Jesus, the Righteous and Holy One. And Jesus looks up at us and says: "Where are they? Has no one condemned you?" - "No one, sir," - "Then neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin."

Jesus is the only one with the right to condemn us, for He was tempted in every way, just and we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4v15. It is before His throne that we must all give an account of ourselves. 2 Corinthians 5v10.

 But He refuses to condemn us. *"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." John 3v17-18.*

 **How to overcome condemnation.**
Always be quick to ask God's forgiveness for something that you know is wrong. Don't just hang onto it. Know that you are right with God.

Too many Christians live by their feelings only - when things are going well and the sun is shining, they feel they are right with God; that He still loves them. Then they feel a bit down one drizzly day and figure that "God doesn't like me any more because I don't feel His presence - He's left me!" Condemnation works the same way - it will always hassle the Christian who depends on his feelings only. Satan will accuse, the Christian will feel condemned and then think that God doesn't like them any more, or that they are so sinful that God will never forgive them. To overcome this 'feeling only' problem we need to know what the Word of God says. Believe God's truth.