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REVELATION 1:8



“IT”

Grace part 1

*The No Condemnation Concept*

Romans 8:1-11

# IT

- Some ministries have IT. Some don't.
- Most churches want IT. Few have IT.
- When a church has IT, everyone can tell. And when one doesn't...everyone can tell
- Leaders. Some have IT. Some don't
- Some people are full of IT.
- IT is unique, IT is powerful, IT is life-changing. That's IT's upside. IT also has another side too. IT attracts critics, it is controversial.
- Many people misunderstand IT

# “IT”

- When a ministry has IT- Everyone hears about IT. “You have to visit this church, What’s going on there is incredible. Trust me you have to go and check IT out.
- People do check out IT churches.
- Many people actually join IT churches.
- You might be saying, “I don’t understand IT?”
- God makes IT available to anyone who wants IT

# IT

- Good news: If you don't have it, you can get it.
- Bad news: if you have it, you can lose it
- When you have it, you know that It does not belong to you, It belongs to God, He gives IT, Since IT is His and not yours, your willing to share IT.
- The more you try to keep IT, the less of IT you tend to have. The more you are willing to give IT away, the more of IT God seems to give.

# Grace

- Grace is mentioned 170 times in the Bible.
- Grace is God's unmerited favor.
- Grace is God doing good for us that we do not deserve.
- Grace is God giving me blessing or good that I do not deserve.
- Because of God's grace, I receive eternal life and a promise of heaven though I do not deserve them.

# Grace

- Since the first sin, all mankind has been born with a sin nature.
- **Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**
- **Romans 6:23a For the wages of sin is death**



# GRACE is G od's R iches A t C hrist's E xpense.

- A. W. Tozer said, “Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines him to bestow benefits on the undeserving.”
- Berkhof is more to the point when he says’ grace is “the unmerited operation of God in the heart of man, effected through the agency of the Holy Spirit”.

# GRACE

- The key word in what these great minds have said is this, “unmerited”
- Grace, is completely undeserved and therefore it leads to the conclusion that grace is in essence a free gift given to us by God through Christ.



# GRACE

- E. Stanley Jones once said:  
“Grace is free, but when once you take it you are bound forever to the Giver.”
- Dr. John MacArthur explains the concept of grace as being a free gift by using the thief on the cross next to Christ and says, “He had done nothing to merit divine grace. On the contrary, right up to the very end he was cursing, taunting, and mocking Christ, even though he himself faced certain death and after that, divine judgment.” See the grace that was given this thief was most assuredly a divine gift granted to him freely.

# In Condemnation

- We feel guilty
- We lose our joy
- We feel far from God
- We distance ourselves (physically and emotionally)
- We disqualify ourselves from service and ministry
- We do things to prove to God that we deserve His grace.

# No Condemnation

- We don't walk around feeling guilty
- We no longer waste hours, days, weeks disqualifying ourselves from service, fellowship, and God's joy.
- Jesus came to set us free from these type of Spiritual games.



# Romans 8:1-11

- 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. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

# Romans 8:1-11

- 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

# Romans 8:1-11

- 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- When we sin, most of say in our heart, “OH NO! I’m sure God is pretty upset with me! We recognize our disobedience and strongly sense that we deserve some kind of punishment. This is a very common response. Jesus sadly shakes His head when He observes such self-condemnation.

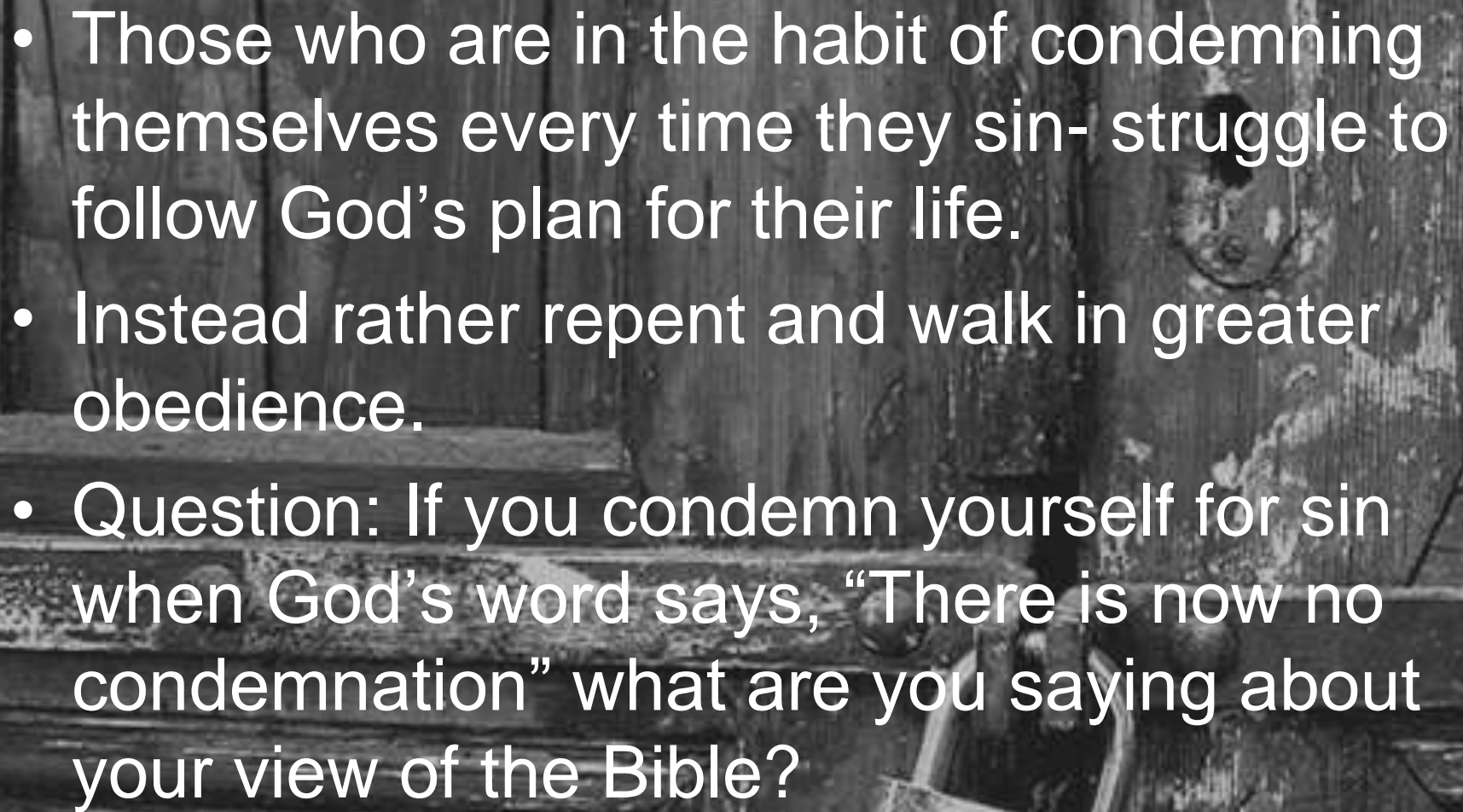
Jesus says, “I don’t condemn you” so here is the million dollar question, Who are we to condemn ourselves?

# Mark 10:24-34

- 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”  
26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?”  
27 But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”  
28 Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.”  
29 So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s,

# Mark 10:24-34

- 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. 31 But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.” 32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: 33 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; 34 and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.”

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- Those who are in the habit of condemning themselves every time they sin- struggle to follow God's plan for their life.
  - Instead rather repent and walk in greater obedience.
  - Question: If you condemn yourself for sin when God's word says, "There is now no condemnation" what are you saying about your view of the Bible?

# John 3:17

- For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.



# Luke 15:11-24

- 11 Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.’ So he divided to them *his* livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*.

# Luke 15:11-24

- 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.””  
20 “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

# Luke 15:11-24

- 22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.



# No Condemnation

- Psalm 103:11-13


For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.



# No Condemnation

- **John 3:16-17**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.



# Grace

**God provides daily strength through His grace working in us. We should seek this grace for living from him. Then, we should believe that He will provide what He has promised and walk with assurance that His grace is working in us.**

A black and white photograph of a wooden door with a metal padlock. The door is made of vertical wooden planks and has a metal frame with several bolts. A metal padlock is attached to the door, and it has a logo on it. The text "Next Week" is overlaid on the top part of the image.

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Grace- part 2  
Only One Life

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