ROMANS 8:1-4 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IN CHRIST, THE GUITY & FAILING ARE SAFE & STRONG - (SERMON MP3)

1) Paul	says in Romans 8:1 that there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus.
•	What does the word condemnation mean to you? What words or phrases does it bring to mind?
•	Over the last few weeks, what has caused you to feel under condemnation?
•	The last time Paul used the word "condemnation" in Romans was in 5:18. Why does he bring it up in 8:1? Read 7:22-25. What is the link between this statement and the verses at the end of chapter 7? How can you make sure you remember "there is now no condemnation" the next time?
	status of no condemnation affects how we think about and view our sin. Read the food for thought quote by D. Martyn Lloyd Jones of this guide.
•	Should we ever have feelings of guilt when we sin? Why or why not? How should we think and feel about our sin? Does our status of no condemnation belittle our sin?
•	What happens in our thinking about sin and motivation not to sin when we forget the truth that there is no condemnation in Christ?
•	If this is true, how should we deal with our sin as Christians? "Spiritual health never comes from belittling sin, but from a willingness to bathe its filthy entirety in the compassion of God." See Romans 6:1-3, 12-18.
	e are in Christ, there is no condemnation left for us, because God condemned sin in Christ. Christ bore the wrath of God that we d. He condemned sin by fully paying its penalty.
•	What is the wrath of God against sin? How does the Bible describe it? What does it do to your spirit if you think about enduring endless years of torment and darkness?
•	What does being "in Christ Jesus" have to do with you not being condemned? (See Romans 3:24, 6:11, 6:23, 8:34, 2 Cor. 5:21) Thank G for sparing you from His wrath as a result of the righteousness that Christ provided for you.

(4) What two great benefits are given to those who are in Christ Jesus? (Rom. 8:1-2) How did we get each of the two benefits come to us? (Rom. 8:3-4) Read Romans 8:4. What does Paul say is the final purpose of both of them?		
In what ways will knowing that Jesus' ministry was in order to make you holy motivate you to live differently way: When you do sin as a Christian, what are you working to frustrate and thwart?	today?₃ Or, think of it another	
How is that motivation (the law of the Spirit) a better the motivation than the law of sin and death?		
(5) Those who are in Christ have the Spirit of Christ in them freeing them from the power of sin. His Spirit is given as evidence that there is no condemnation from God. In other words, we can know we are out of condemnation, because God has placed His Spirit into us to free us from sin.		
If that is the case, what kind of living is most natural for us as Christians? It has been said that because of the obeying God should be like breathing for Christians. Disobeying God is like holding your breath. It's easier to	•	
How can the Spirit's freeing work in your life be a source of encouragement to you? Spend time thinking bac your life freeing you from the power of sin? How have you seen His spirit at work in other members of your of the power of sin?		
FOOD FOR THOUGHT: The difference between an unbeliever sinning and a Christian sinning is the difference between a man transgressing one of the laws of the State, anda husband, [who] has done something that he should not do in his relationship with his wife. He is not breaking the law, he is wounding the heart of his wife. That is the difference. It is no longer a		
legal matter, it is a matter of personal relationship andlove. The man does not cease to be the husband [legally, in that instance]. Law does not come into the matter at allIn a sense it is now something much worse than a legal condemnation. I would rather offend against a law of the land objectively outside me, than hurt someone whom I love [In that case] You have sinned, of course, but you have sinned against love [so] You may and	PRAYER REQUESTS	
you should feel ashamed, but you should not feel condemnation, because to do so is to put yourself back 'under the law.'" ⁴ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones		
DIGGING DEEPER INTO PAUL'S USE OF "LAW" IN ROM. 8:1-4		
Paul speaks of different types of "laws" in Romans 7:22-8:4. What are they?		
Read the passage and highlight the different uses with variations in color or circling/boxing. Draw arrows to the concepts that connect.		
What is the difference between them? How can someone be "free in Christ" (Romans 8:2) and still "serve the law of sin" (Romans 7:25)?		
This video may be of assistance: http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/no-condemnation		