

**Now (again)
NO Condemnation!**

ROMANS 8:1a

Biblical Literacy

A Note As We Begin . . .



Please listen to Mark's previous lessons, especially from **January 18**

Let's dive deeper into a single powerful phrase from Romans 8:1a

"Again, NO condemnation!"

Our Roadmap for Today



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How do we live with NO condemnation?

What Does This Mean?

*"Now,
NO Condemnation"*



In the Text: Romans 8:1

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In the Text: A Legal Setting



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In the Text: A Legal Setting

A courtroom scene. In the foreground, a woman with curly grey hair and glasses, wearing a white blazer, is speaking. In the background, a judge in a black robe sits on a bench, and a man in a suit stands facing him. The setting is a formal courtroom with wood paneling.

NO CONDEMNATION

- No Charges applied
- No Verdict rendered
- No Sentence imposed

on us . . .

No Condemnation, none!

Why NO Condemnation?

Because we are
"IN" Christ

United
by

**were laid
"ON" Him!**

How is this
possible?

charges,
the verdict,
and the sentence...



Key Concepts

Understanding what it means for US

1. The Reality of Condemnation

**There IS condemnation
apart from Christ**

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. John 3:18

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**There IS condemnation
apart from Christ**

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 3:36

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**There IS condemnation
apart from Christ**

Standing on our own...

Our sins are still our ***OWN*** sins!

And so are the consequences

2. Justification



**A judicial declaration of
not-guilty . . . innocence**

Not because we didn't do it,
but because someone else
already served our sentence

3. Substitutionary Atonement



Jesus took **OUR** place
OUR sin and the eternal consequences





4. Forgiveness

What does it mean to be forgiven?

God let it go...
to Jesus



5. Mercy & Grace



MERCY

We DON'T get
what we DO deserve



GRACE

We DO get
what we DON'T
deserve

Illustrations . . .



Courtroom Illustration

Illustrations . . .



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Debt Illustration



Illustrations . . .



Courtroom Illustration



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Relational Illustration

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What concerns might we have?

Potential Concerns



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Concern #1: Cheap Grace



Danger: (Antinomianism)

A casual attitude toward sin
License, or Licentious living

No!

Concern #1: Cheap Grace



What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Romans 6:1-2

Concern #2: Pride & Arrogance?



Danger:

Personal pride and arrogance
A sense of self-righteousness

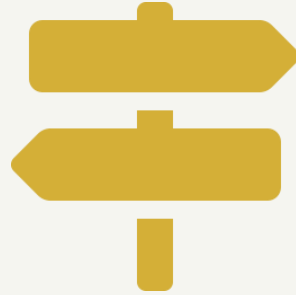
Leading to: *Judging others*

Concern #2: Pride & Arrogance?



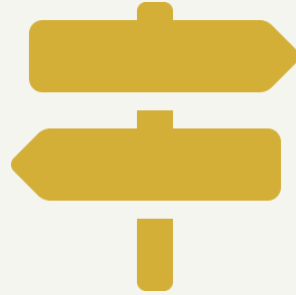
**...far be it from me to boast
except in the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ, by which the
world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world. Galatians 6:14**

The Narrow Path Between Ditches



**Make too little of our sin
or too much ourselves?**

The Narrow Path Between Ditches



Make little of ourselves
MUCH of our Savior!

Concern #3

Why Do I Still Struggle?

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Good company...

Paul struggled too!

“For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.”

Romans 7:19

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The "Already and Not Yet" Reality

Concern #4

What About Consequences?

Yes, there are consequences . . .

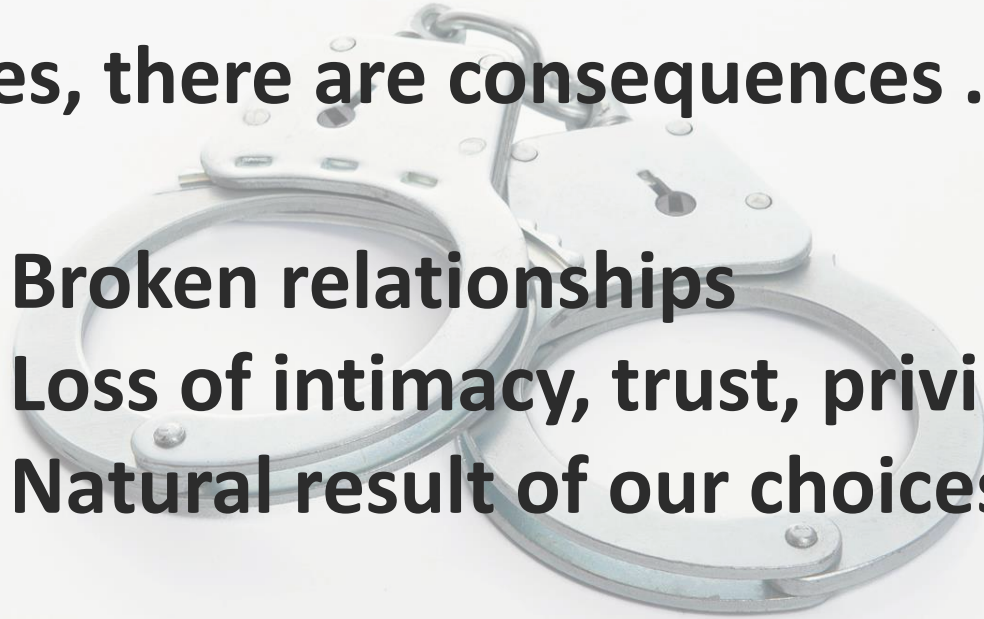


Concern #4

What About Consequences?

Yes, there are consequences . . .

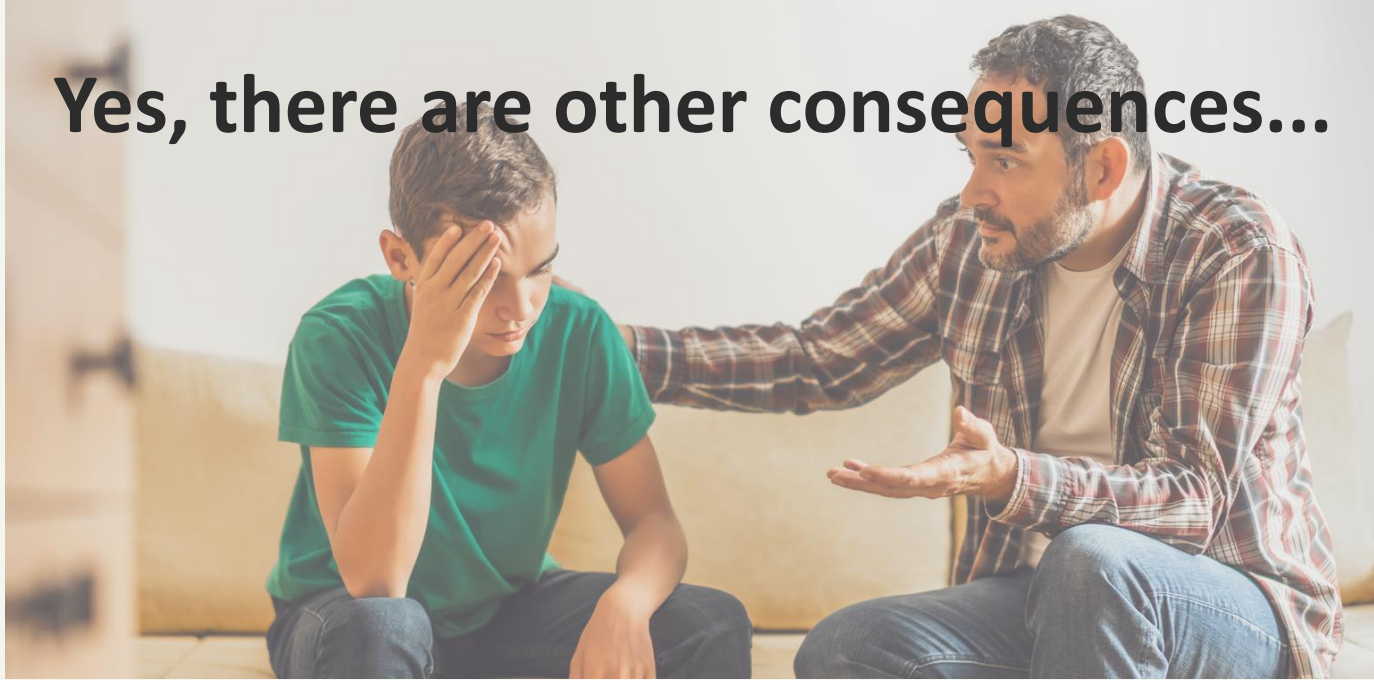
- Broken relationships
- Loss of intimacy, trust, privileges
- Natural result of our choices



Concern #4

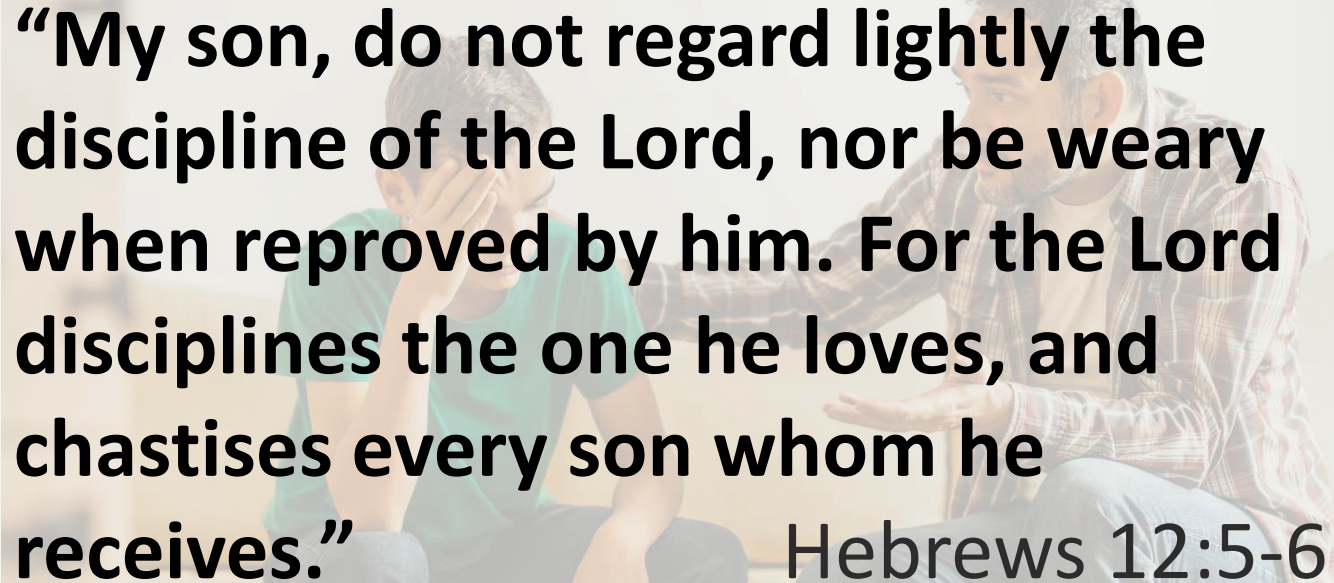
What About Consequences?

Yes, there are other consequences...



Concern #4

What About Consequences?



“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

Hebrews 12:5-6

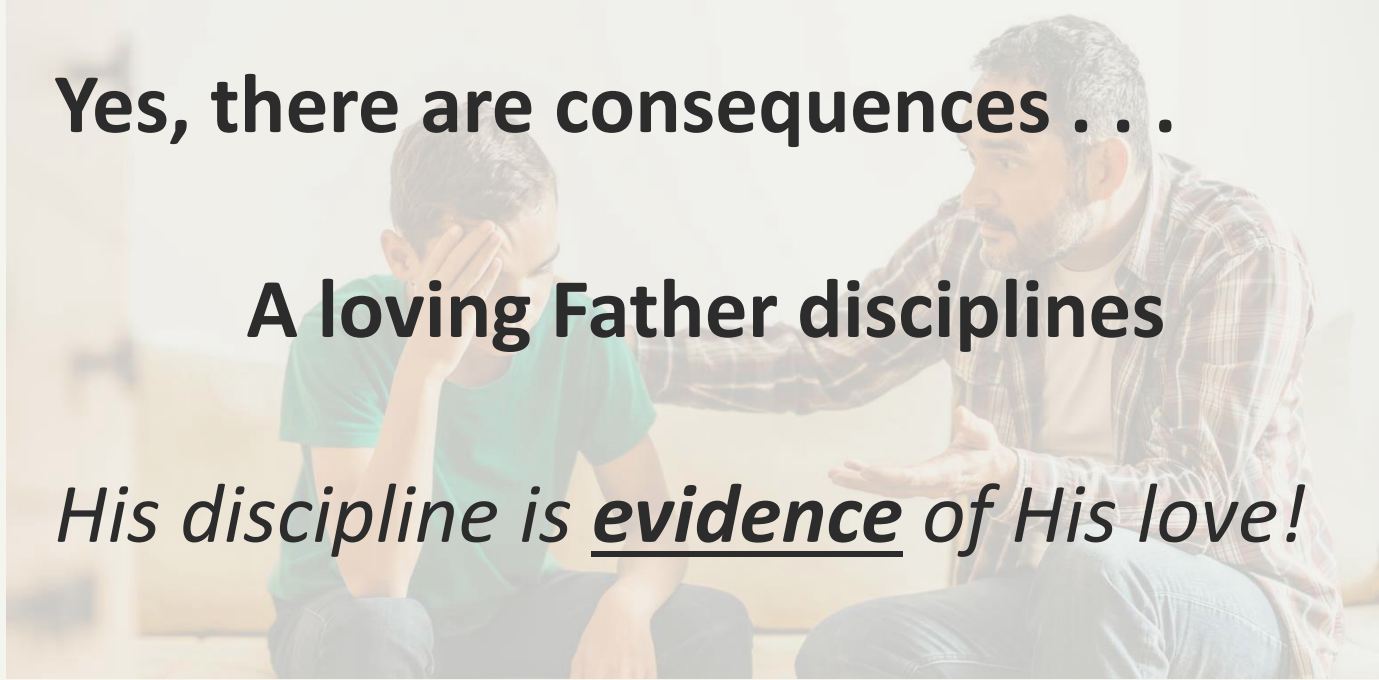
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A loving Father disciplines

His discipline is evidence of His love!



Concern #4

What About Consequences?

Corrected, yes...

but NOT condemned!!!



**He Will
NEVER
Abandon You**

Now, NO Condemnation!

Luke 15: The Prodigal Son?

**The Loving, Waiting,
Watching,
Reconciling Father!**

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How do we live with NO condemnation?

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a piece of brown, textured paper. The hands are positioned at the top corners of the paper, with fingers slightly curled. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the center of the image in a white, serif font.

Living It Out
“now no condemnation”

(Points for Home)

1

**Receive and Rejoice,
Now and Forever!**

God is *NOT* against you . . .

He is eternally **FOR you,
He is on your side!**

1

**Receive and Rejoice,
Now and Forever!**

Taking a peek ahead . . .

Romans 8

2

Stay Out of the Muck and Mire of Sin

Sin? Certainly not!

Looking back

Romans 6:12-15

2

Stay Out of the Muck and Mire of Sin

"I can't help it"
has always been
true.

2

Stay Out of the Muck and Mire of Sin

Adopt a **"want to / get to"** attitude

3

Live Out of Your Position in Christ

You are *in Christ*,
and *Christ is in you*

3

Live Out of Your Position in Christ

Let Jesus be Jesus in you!

**Now, NO Condemnation,
In Christ**

**Now, NO Condemnation,
In Christ**

***Changes
EVERYTHING!***



What does "**NO condemnation**"
mean for your life today?



*How will you respond to this
truth?*

Closing Prayer

