



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pumpkin Party** – A Pumpkin Party Carnival for our Southwinds families and their friends. Enjoy 30+ Carnival Games with candy, inflatables, yummy food and fun activities. Come dressed up. Totally FREE event. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 5-7:30pm.

MY STORY

Has there ever been a summit experience in any area of your life, if so what was it?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have Volunteer Read: Romans 7:24-25; 8:1

Point #1: We possess a new INVINCIBLE STATUS.

"So when Paul says *There is now therefore no condemnation*, he is saying that something new and glorious has happened. And no condemnation isn't just our past. It's also about now... the present. And it's about tomorrow." – **Michael Nolen**

Discuss how believing there's "no condemnation in Christ" works out practically in our daily lives?

"Christ-followers need to learn to see God through their ears. That means we need to see life in terms of what God says about us. And then we take that truth and we press it into our hearts and we press it into our marriages and our parenting and our jobs and our hopes and fears. We are in Christ. *There is now no condemnation*. We have been given a new relationship with the very God who was formerly against us. Now he is for us. Everything has changed." – **Michael Nolen**

What does it mean for Jesus' people to see through their ears?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 8:2

Point #2: We possess a new LIFE-GIVING POWER.

“Because we diminish and denigrate God, we deserve his just judgment. It will be just, it will be terrible, and it should make us tremble. Outside of Christ, this is our reality...We are governed by the principle of the power of the law of sin and death. But Paul says, in Jesus, there’s another power at work...the power of the Spirit of life that sets us free from the power of sin and death. What does that mean? It means that the Holy Spirit enters Jesus’ people and introduces a new life-giving principle of power.” – **Michael Nolen**

In what sense does the “Spirit of life” set us free?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 8:3

Point #3: We possess a new OMNIPOTENT ALLY.

“As you marvel at the beauty of what it means that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus... as you see the beauty of what that is... keep in mind that the ultimate beauty of redemption is not the people who were saved. The ultimate beauty of redemption is the God who saved these undeserving people.” – **Michael Nolen**

“God rescues sinful people. He does so by sending his own Son. That Son comes in the likeness of sinful flesh, the very epicenter of what it means to be hostile, to rebel against God. He comes and he offers himself.” – **Michael Nolen**

How would your life change this week if you saw God as your almighty ally?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 8:4

Point #4: We can live TRANSFORMED LIVES.

5 Realities

- **Worship** - We need corporate gathering and worship because our affection and our attention to this no condemnation mantra leaks. It happens so fast.
- **Prayer** - Prayer is the means that I first express my gratitude to God for what he has done for me. And it is also my connection to the grace I so desperately need.
- **Evangelism** - When we get the beauty of what God has done, as we see in Romans 8, we will not be able to stop talking about it. You fight the fear of sharing your faith with beauty. The stunning reality of what God has done for you in Christ.
- **Identity** – the Bible offers you an identity that helps persevere you through all that life throws at you, through all the trials and all the people. Whatever you face, your identity is...There is therefore now no condemnation in Christ Jesus.
- **Guilt** – Romans 8 reminds us that we are not under condemnation. It reminds us that all our sins and inadequacies and failures are paid for by Christ. It reminds us that God is for us and not against us.

How do these realities give us a fresh perspective on sanctification?

If God, in Christ, does not condemn you, where do thoughts of condemnation in your life come from?

APPLICATION

How can having an understanding of no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus help better us evangelize to others.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS