



“No Condemnation” (John 7:53-8:11)

Here we have a story of...failure, abuse, guilt, shame, grace, and truth. Jesus has been teaching. The woman has been cheating. The Pharisees are scheming. In an instant the woman is caught in the act and dragged from private passion to public spectacle. The religious leaders are pointing fingers at the woman and asking Jesus to respond.

This story is a beautiful picture of how God responds to our sin. If you've ever wondered...frame these words and hang them on the wall. Read them. Ponder them. Drink them in. Let them wash over your soul and set you free.

CHRIST JESUS (GOD) RESPONDS TO OUR SIN...

With A Perfect Blend of Law (Truth) and Love:

vv7:53-8:6; John 1:14

1) You're Not Alone. vv7-8; Rom.3:23; 1Jn.1:8; John 8:44; 1Cor.10:13; Gal.6:1-2

2) You're Not Condemned. vv9-11; Rom.8:1; 2Cor.5:21

3) You're Not Stuck in Sin. v11b; Rom.6:23; Ex.19-20; Titus 2:11-12

What Difference Will It Make? You Are Free From...

- ✓ The perpetual guilt and shame that produces addictive behavior.
- ✓ The unforgiveness and bitterness towards people who have sinned against you. (Forgiven people are forgiving people)
- ✓ The relentless pressure of having to prove yourself, because you are already proven and secure in Christ.
- ✓ The indifference or defensiveness or devastation to criticism.
- ✓ A cynical, critical, and judgmental attitude toward your opponents and enemies.
- ✓ A lack of confidence and authenticity in relationships.
- ✓ A lack of consistency, confidence, and joy in prayer and worship.
- ✓ A Christian life motivated by fear and pride to one motivated by Christ's overwhelming love.
- ✓ Seeing suffering as punitive (punishment) rather than purifying.
- ✓ Seeing yourself, or your situation or others as being hopelessly beyond the reach of God's rescuing and redeeming grace.

Growing Notes

- 1) How does God respond to our sin? When you sin do you find yourself running from God (Condemnation) or running to God (Conviction)? Explain. How much does our concept of God determined the quality of our relationship with Him?
- 2) Read John 7:53-8:11. What stands out to you in this story? What does this story reveal to us about sin, salvation, man, and God?
- 3) What was the trap and why were the religious leaders trying to trap Jesus? In response to our sin Jesus is the perfect blend of Love and Law (truth). Explain. What are your tendencies: love minus law or law minus love? What do we need the balance of both?
- 4) Review the three stated truths of Jesus' response to our sins. What does it mean...You're Not Alone? You're Not Condemned? You're Not Stuck in Your Sin? What does it mean that the verdict always comes before the performance?
- 5) Review the What Difference Will It Make list. Which one(s) are strengths? Which one(s) are growth areas? Pray through the three stated truths of Jesus' response to our sins. May we be a church that responds to our own and other's sins like Jesus!