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# New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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## Pastoral Ponderings

### There Is No Condemnation

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2*

As I was recently studying the book of Romans, these verses made me think and reflect on the gospel. Before we come to understand the good news of the gospel, we must deeply understand the reality of the bad news. This is exactly what the Apostle Paul explained in the earlier chapters of Romans. He explains that we are totally desperate sinners in need of forgiveness. This can be a hard reality to understand in our current secular, humanistic, and narcissistic culture, but it is Biblical truth.

One commentator put it this way, "Although the Bible is a book offering good news of salvation from sin, it is also a book that presents the bad news of condemnation for sin. No single book or collection of writings on earth proclaims so completely and vividly the totally desperate situation of man apart from God".

The Bible reveals that, since the fall, every human being has been born into the world with a sin nature. What David said of himself can be said of everyone: "*Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me*" Ps. 51:1. Paul declared, "*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*" Romans 3:23. Because of that universal and innate sinfulness, all unbelievers are under God's condemnation and are "*by nature children of wrath*", Ephesians chapter 2. Because of sin, all of humankind is born in bondage to pain, disease, and death.

It is in light of that dreadful condition that the Apostle Paul proclaims in Romans 8:1-4 the unspeakably wonderful truth about those who, by grace working through faith, belong to Jesus Christ. He proclaims to believers the thrilling promise that fills the heart with immeasurable consolation, joy, and hope. **Some have called Romans 8:1 the most hopeful verse in scripture.** The truth that there can never be the eternal death penalty for believers is the foundation of Romans chapter 8.

God's provision of salvation came through His perfect sacrifice on the cross. For those who place their trust in Christ and in what He has done on their behalf, there is therefore no condemnation. This is the heart and soul of the gospel, that Jesus completely and permanently paid the debt of sin and the penalty of the law for every person

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## Pastoral Ponderings cont.

who humbly asks from mercy and trusts in Him. Though the Law condemns all mankind, we as believers in Jesus Christ have this wonderful promise of no condemnation.

Being a Christian is not simply being outwardly identified with Christ but being part of Christ, not simply of being united with Him but **united in Him**. Our being in Christ is one of the profoundest of mysteries, which we will not fully understand until we meet Him face to face in heaven.

In Christ, we are made an entirely new creation, (2 Corinthians 5:17) just as God created the heavens and the earth originally. He made them out of nothing, and so He does with us. He does not merely clean up our old selves; He makes an entirely new self. When we are in Christ, we are partakers of the divine nature. God Himself, in the person of His Holy Spirit, takes up residence in our hearts. We are in Christ and He is in us.

What a glorious salvation we have, may we rest in Christ alone.

Your brother In Christ, Jim Nelson



If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months we are glad you are joining with us. If you would like to learn more about New Life be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. In addition, your invited to join us for our meal after service. We would love to meet you and get to know, and what better way to meet someone new than sharing a tasty meal together.

**New Life Directory:** We would like to continue gathering contact information to update the New Life Directory. Send an email to Julie Minell at [mrs.minell@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.minell@yahoo.com) with names, address, phone numbers and email addresses. Many thanks!

## Announcements cont.

**Are you familiar with 5 Day Clubs?** Bible stories, Bible songs, Bible memory, Missionary stories, and more can all be found in a 5 Day Club. Children gather, trained teachers teach, the Word is planted in hearts during a 1 & 1/2 hour time period each day for 5 days. Some children hear the Gospel for the first time, some hear it **CLEARLY** for the first time, and all are given the opportunity to respond to the free gift of salvation given to sinners by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. New Life is hosting a 5 Day Club, July 20-24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am-Noon @ the Building. Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) will send a team of teachers to our building. We are in charge of inviting children from our family as well as those we know in the community. For these 5 days the teachers would be helped if we had a few volunteers to assist with sign-in and child supervision. Would you consider signing up to be a volunteer? If so, contact Pastor Paul as soon as possible. This is also a great time to invite grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, etc.

**A summer women's' bible** study will be starting on Thursday nights at 6:30pm at the building for a 7 week study on 1 John. They will be doing a Precept Upon Precept study that has a workbook. Contact Shanda Leko, at 651-465-3154, if you are interested in joining and she will order you a workbook. Planning to begin this coming Thursday, July 2nd.

**Men's Bible Study:** For you early risers looking for a study to join, the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible study that used to meet at Our Place Cafe has resumed and is now meeting at the building @ 5:30am. You won't want to miss the fellowship shared and sharpening of one another in the Word!

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### This Week's Schedule of Events:

Wed	Deuteronomy Study - 6:30 pm
Wed	Young Adult Study - 6:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study - 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Study 1John - 6:30 pm

### Fellowship Tip for June:

If you are attending Sunday Service, we encourage you to take note of those not present and take initiative reach out to them with phone calls and visits. Let them know they are loved and cared for.

### June Memory Verse

"Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." James 1:18

## Today's Passage



Pastor Bennett will be teaching  
from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Our passage for today is  
Ecclesiastes 5:8-20.

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