

“No Condemnation”

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Take your Bibles tonight and turn to the book of Romans chapter 8, and turn to 2 Corinthians because we're going to go to 2 Corinthians after a little bit.

I said to you, the thing that keeps working in my heart and in my life is the potential which is latent within every believer to manifest the more abundant life. Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it how? More abundantly. But when you look around about you, there are very, very few who are really manifesting even an abundant life, let alone a more abundant life – a life which is more than abundant.

The possibilities that are latent within the Christian believer seldom come into manifestation because we're talked out of it all the time. The people with whom we fellowship, the environment in which we live, the surroundings with which we are engulfed, are of such a nature that instead of lifting us up and really developing the potential which is within us and making this into a kinetic form of manifestation, instead of bringing it out, what usually happens, it gets darker and less and less.

I'd like to set before you again tonight something that I've set before every class across the nation and foreign countries where I've taught; the absolute limitless limits that are latent within the believer because it's Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The first thing that you have to realize, that if you are going to take the potential which is in your life, you're going to have to build this potential in manifestation upon the accuracy of God's Word and forget about your feelings or your past teaching. You have to come to believe God's Word and just say, “Thus saith the Lord,” and that settles it.

All the waters of Niagara Falls are only potential until they run over the dynamos and move the dynamos and develop the electricity. Then that potential energy becomes kinetic. There are people who go through life born again of God's spirit, the potential within them, but it is never manifested. It's never in the form of the kinetic energy. And what you and I need to do is to find out first what we have in Christ, know what we have, and then develop ourselves to bring it into manifestation.

You talk about developing the mind of man. We hear so much about this; developing their potential. You can develop the spirit within you. When you are born again of God's spirit, you can develop that spirit with the same effectiveness, and I would like to say even with a greater effectiveness and with a greater ability, than you can develop the mind.

But you have to apply spiritual things to develop the spirit, and very few people ever spend time to develop the spirit. They develop their mental abilities, they develop their abilities to work in the fields that they're interested in, but what about our spiritual potential? When you develop this spiritual ability then the potential will become kinetic.

We are what the Word of God says we are, we have what the Word of God says we have, we will be what the Word of God says we will be. So the scripture says that when we are born again

of God's spirit we are in Christ. Well, if we are in Christ and born again of God's spirit, Christ is where? In us. And if we are in him, look at the limitless limits of that new life, that power, that's latent within the believer.

In Romans 8 – chapter 8, verse 1 we read,

Romans 8:1:

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,...

The limitless limits of the new life in Christ Jesus, the first thing you learn is that there is an end of condemnation. Most of the good people, the sincere people, the honest people, the religious people are usually living under condemnation. They have been condemned so long that they just accept this. They can't just fathom that God really did what He said He did in Christ Jesus; that there is no condemnation. There is no condemnation. Well, if the Word of God says there is no condemnation then what? There is no condemnation.

So if you say what the Word of God says, then you and God make a majority. But if we go by what the environment says, the surroundings, the community may say and this contradicts what the Word says, no matter how you feel, no matter how men and women look in that society, they have to be wrong because what they're saying and what they're doing is a contradiction of what the Word says.

There is now no condemnation. So when you're born again of God's spirit, Christ in you, this Christ in you which is eternal life cannot come into condemnation. The wrath of God is no longer upon these believers. We have passed from death unto life as Christ is the end of condemnation. And boy, what a tremendous truth this is.

And to make these limitless limits of the new birth, the new life within the believer, manifested in a kinetic way in the senses world, you have to get to the place that you get over the condemnation under which you have been living a lifetime. And this applies to every segment, every facet of your believing walk of your life. You just have to get out of that condemnation.

And if you have once developed this spiritual potential within you, you've walked this way, you can hardly stand to be with people who are the other kind, the other way. Sometimes when they're so negative...

I said to someone this evening who was listening to the 5:30 or six o'clock news today – Bob, wasn't it? I said, "Was it all negative tonight?" and he said, "Yes." And his wife, Lucille, said, "Well we're waiting for it to be positive." And you know what I said? "The Lord will have to return before this occurs." Because only Christ Jesus and the knowledge of his word within us will ever make any individual positive. Otherwise they'll always be under condemnation.

The reason for this is, basically, that man has magnified sin above redemption. We have magnified sin. And so we've talked about sin, we've talked about sin until we're just sinned out. We keep at it all the time. Because what we're talking about, we've magnified sin above redemption.

Now sin is a fact, I know that. But what Christ was for us is a reality. And I am confident that he is able to do more than all the hosts of Satan were ever able to put together. And the scripture says there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. And the moment you are born

again, it is Christ in you, and at that moment we are in him. And as we walk in the light as he is the light, we stay in that fellowship with him and you can go through life without any condemnation anywhere in your life.

That's the potential. That's the limitless limits that are available to the new creature, the new birth and the person who is born again of God's spirit. Just think of it. It's unbelievable but it's true, and therefore we believe it.

2 Corinthians chapter 5 teaches this same truth in a wonderful way. In verse 17... I trust that our people who listen by radio get their Bibles out and follow along in these teachings because this thing is alive. It's vital. It means what it says and it says what it means. And this is what sets men and women free.

Verse 17 of chapter 5 of 2 Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:17:

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature:...

I believe the root word of this is that he is a new species. He's got something new within him, which is Christ in him, and this makes him a different person than he's been before spiritually. Because he's body, soul and spirit. Therefore,

2 Corinthians 5:17:

... old things are passed away;...

All these old things that we've had in our minds; all the condemnation, all the disruption, all of that which we have magnified above redemption, all of that is gone.

2 Corinthians 5:17:

... old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Because then you put into your mind... After you're saved, you put up in your mind what you have within the spirit. What God has wrought in Christ. That you're passed from death unto life. This kind of thing, you pull up into your mind. Then the old disappears and we have something new up in our minds to walk on. And no man walks beyond what he thinks. As a man thinketh, the Bible says, so he is or so is he. That's right.

And you can't go beyond what you think, and you can't think beyond what you're taught. Old things are passed away. Behold all things are new to the end that we renew our mind. This is why I teach our people in every foundational class, the key to power is the renewed mind. To the end that we renew our mind and put on the mind of Christ, then these limitless limits of that new life come into manifestation. Look at the tremendousness of that.

2 Corinthians 5:18:

And all things *are* of God, who hath [past tense] reconciled us to himself by...

... my good works? By my attendance faithfully? By my praying for hours and hours? By my confessing my sins? Nope. All things are of God who has reconciled us to himself by whom?

2 Corinthians 5:18:

... Jesus Christ,...

Isn't that wonderful? You see why there is an end of condemnation? For he hath reconciled us. To reconcile means to bring back together that which has been separated.

If there's anything that I could do to reconcile myself to God and to put myself back in God's favor, then it would have to be of works and Christ died in vain. Right? Sure it's right, bless your heart. He has reconciled. And if you're reconciled you're back on talking terms. There is no condemnation left. You're reconciled. You're brought back in. Reconciled us to himself by whom? Jesus Christ.

And the reason the word Jesus appears first in the texts and Christ secondly is because, whenever the Bible wants to manifest the greatness of, the humility of what God wrought in Christ, they always put the word Jesus first in the Bible. Whenever it manifests the greatness of his messianic mission, they will always put the word Christ first. That's why the scripture teaches that when you're born again of God's spirit you are in whom? In Christ.

And many times you hear people talking about being in Jesus. Every time I hear that it sends chills up and down my spine because you can't go far enough there. It is he who went that far. It is he who died upon the cross. It is he who was humiliated. It is he in whose face they spit so that you and I might become righteous in God in him. Therefore we are not in his humility, we are in his messianic glory.

This is why it says we are in Christ. When you're born again of God's Spirit you are in Christ, the glorified one who was the Messiah. Isn't that wonderful? Boy, the accuracy with which the Word is said is just tremendous.

2 Corinthians 5:18:

... all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,...

And then comes this tremendous statement they just shakes people when they first see it: And he has given to us. Us who? Us, the reconciled ones in Christ. That's right. To those of us who are reconciled and in Christ, He has given the ministry of condemnation. Huh? Well, we sometimes act like it, don't we? People condemn this person, condemn that one. But the scripture says there is no what? Condemnation to them that are in Christ. Well, if we are then in Christ then we ought to get off of that old theme of condemnation. We ought to get off of that old theme of this and that. We ought to magnify what the Word of God's magnifies, the redemption that we have in Christ Jesus, above everything else. He...

2 Corinthians 5:18:

... hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

He's given it to us; the reconciled ones, the believers. Did he give it to Peter? Yes, but Peter only? Nope, Peter only because Peter was a born again what? Believer. And he was in Christ.

But when you and I are in Christ we also have the ministry of what? Right. And most of the teaching across the nation today is that the minister takes care of the spiritual needs of his congregation and all this other stuff. Just like you go to a dentist to have your teeth fixed, if you've got lots of trouble you go to a special dentist who's a specialist. So we think, in the ministry if we just have a little bit of trouble we go to the minister, because he is supposed to keep care of the spiritual end. He has the ministry of reconciliation – this is what at least the Protestants believe, other groups believe differently. Then if you're in real trouble you go to a

specialist of a minister, who turns out to be a psychiatrist or a psychologist who's had a little bit of training in nothing. This kind of thing.

Hey, the Word says... And I didn't write it, but the Word says that God reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ and has given to us, plural, the reconciled ones, the ministry of what? That's what it says, that's what it means.

So if people are going to be reconciled today, if they are going to be born again of God's spirit, if they are going to be shown what they are in Christ – that they've passed out of this condemnation business and all the rest, who's going to do it? We are. For He has given to us the ministry. He's given it to us.

Man, that verse of scripture, what does that do with the teaching, for instance, of the Gospels that people always bring up? Where Jesus Christ builds the church and they refer to the church as a she, you know. They refer to the church as the bride, today. In the Gospels the church was the bride because Jesus was the bridegroom. And the Gospels, it said he would build his church. Not Peter. Jesus said, I will build what? That's what he said, that's what he meant.

But in the church epistles addressed to the believer born again of God's spirit on the Day of Pentecost and to this night, this year, He says that to us He has given the ministry of what? Therefore if the church of the body is going to grow, if men and women are going to again hear the Word of God, God's going to have to... As He lives within you, you renew your mind and God will be made manifest and men and women will be reconciled unto God to know what they have in Christ.

And there is no greater lack of knowledge in the spiritual field than the knowledge of what men and women have in Christ. He has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. And then he describes it a little further in verse 19,

2 Corinthians 5:19:

To wit, that God was in Christ,...

It doesn't say God was Christ, it says God was where? In Christ. That's what it means.

2 Corinthians 5:19:

... reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses [or their sins] unto them;...

Not imputing them. You see what he's done with sin? He's not imputed this unto those of us who are born again. We no longer carry it. When you get born again of God's spirit you get remission of sins. After you break fellowship, you confess the broken fellowship you get forgiveness of sins.

He has not imputed their sins unto them. Then how can we be under condemnation if we haven't got any? The only reason we can be under it is because people bring us under it. Because of the environment, or the society, or the fellowships we seek with others. They're the only ones that can obstruct us and bring us under it. That's all.

Then he makes this tremendous statement.

2 Corinthians 5:19:

... and hath committed [hath committed] unto us...

Well if he's committed it unto us then who's got it? We have; the born again believer. Committed unto us:

2 Corinthians 5:19:

...the word of reconciliation.

Isn't that wonderful? The Word of reconciliation is committed unto those of us who have been reconciled. He's given it unto us. God reconciled everyone in Christ Jesus, right? Therefore, whosoever will could get saved. Right? They're already reconciled as far as God is concerned, but it becomes a reality to the individual when we believe.

Now, to get people to believe is the ministry of reconciliation. And to get people into this ministry, they must have the Word. Nothing but the Word. For faith cometh by hearing and hearing cometh by what? The Word. And the knowledge that we have of our abilities and of the things that we can do, that God wants us to do, we get from the Word. So He has given us not only the ministry but He's given us the Word. Without the Word you couldn't have the ministry's operating anyway. He's given us the Word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20:

Now then we are ambassadors...

How can you live under condemnation and be an ambassador? That'd be terrible. How can you manifest the limitless limits of the new life in Christ Jesus and constantly be under condemnation? It'd be impossible, because you can't get sweet and bitter water out of the same vessel at the same time. It's impossible.

2 Corinthians 5:20:

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, [now we're ambassadors] as though God did beseech *you* by us...

See? God beseeched you by us, Paul says.

2 Corinthians 5:20:

...we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

And then that tremendous 21st verse.

2 Corinthians 5:21:

For he hath made him [God made Christ Jesus] *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Isn't that something? We are in whom? Christ. And Christ is in who? God. God is in Christ, we read a little while ago. We are in Christ. Jesus always did the Father's will. He never sinned. Therefore, being in him, being in Christ, we have that same righteousness. Boy, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. The righteousness of God.

How can you live under condemnation and believe this scripture? If your righteousness, have the righteousness of God, how much righteousness do we have? How righteous is God? You think you can improve on it? No. He is all righteousness. He is completely righteous. And the scripture says that when we are born again of God's spirit and in him, he has made us in Christ the righteousness of God.

Isn't that something? That's just too big for the human mind to fathom with the first hearing. Right. You see, when people are born again their sins are wiped out, even if in their mind they do not know it, because of the work which God wrought in Jesus while he was here upon earth. It's a wonderful thing.

The reason, then, that we have manifested so many condemnations in our lives is because we have allowed this to build within ourselves because of the ignorance of the Word. We have not been taught the Word. And not being taught the Word, being ignorant of the Word, we have just allowed this condemnation to so infiltrate our entire beings that just thousands upon thousands of Christians are constantly living in condemnation.

Look at Romans again, chapter 8. Chapter 8, verse 31.

Romans 8:31:

What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

That's right. Well, is God for us? Surely, when we are born again of God's spirit we are His children, and are you not for your children? When your child has a need, you call up for prayer or you write, or you ask others to pray. Why? Because it's your child.

Well, we are God's children when we're born again. Can you for one moment conceive of the human parent loving his child more than God loves His child? I can't. Not if the God is the God that I read about who was in Christ Jesus. But the God that people talk about, yeah, he's a mean critter many times, because the very people He loves who are His children and He kills them all. That kind of God I don't know, outside of Satan.

But the true God that we're talking about here, the scripture says He's more anxious to answer our prayer than we are even to do what? Ask Him. You see, He's for us all the time. He is always wanting us to move. But God cannot move, basically, until this limitless limits within us becomes manifested. Because God is limited to His ability that lives within the believer.

Boy, now that's unbelievable but it's true. And it's tremendous when you rightly divide the Word and understand it because, in the Satanic field, Satan who is the god of this world, he possesses. He makes people do. People become channels for him. They become instruments. They become tools in his hands. They become mediums, and they only know what Satan possesses them in.

But you, born again of God's spirit, operating the greatness of the power of God, you manifest the greatness in your life as you and I believe. Anybody that's possessed does not have to believe. He's possessed. The word's accurate. But you are and I are not possessed by God. When we are true Christians, born again of God's spirit – by true Christian I mean one who's born again of God's spirit and walking with a renewed mind – we're not possessed. We have freedom of will.

And so God, having committed unto us the Word and the ministry of reconciliation, we've got it, how can God get any work done? Only if I work it, right? Only if you work it. Only if every Christian believer recognizes what they have in Christ and they go out and tell them. If they don't want to hear it, tell them anyway. Because the scripture says you have to witness to them twice, after that you don't have to. Someplace.

I forget where it is. Timothy? Titus? Any of you remember where that is? Titus what? Dotsie, you looked it up today someplace. Well, anyways, neither any bearing on the case. It just came to my heart and mind.

Yes dear. Chapter 3 of who? Titus. The book of Titus chapter 3, verse 10. You ought to mark this because there are some people who are always condemned because they are not out witnessing to old Johnnie Joe for the hundred and eleven thousandth time, or something. Because they're just so afraid that if they don't witness to him every time they see him, they're condemned. You see. That's what they've been taught; everybody you come to, if he's unsaved you be sure to witness to him. Be sure to witness to him so that you don't get condemned for it, for not witnessing to him. You see how we keep driving people many times into this type of condemnation? It's real devilish all the way through.

So look what verse 31 says in Romans, where I was a moment ago.

Romans 8:31:

What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Isn't that tremendous? That's why we can go out into this week again. If God is for us – and He's for His children, isn't He? If God is for us, then who in the world can be against us? Then do we need to be negative? No. Do we need to be defeated, frustrated and full of fear?

You know, he has reconciled us and given us the ministry because he became sin so that we might become the righteousness of God. You know what righteousness is? It's the God-given ability whereby you stand before the presence of God right now without any sense of guilt, sin, defeat, frustration, worry, anxiety or any other negative thing. No condemnation. You just stand before him as His son.

Romans 8:32:

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also...

Reluctantly? No. Hesitantly? No. But what? Freely.

Romans 8:32-33:

...freely give us all things?

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?...

Yes, pray who will? People try it all the time but the scripture says, who's going to lay anything to God's elect? If you're born again of God's spirit, you're God's elect. Who's going to lay anything to the charge of God's elect. How can you lay anything to the charge of God's elect if God's already covered them? God's already forgiven them. God's already passed them from death unto life. You can't.

That's why it said,

Romans 8:32-33:

... *It is* God that justifieth.

It is God who justified man. And when God justified man He didn't lay anything to his account, therefore no other man can lay it to. But, boy, don't people sometimes try. Put this on you and

put that on you, and make you do this and make you do that. All baloney, if the Word of God is right.

Romans 8:34:

Who *is* he that condemneth?...

The word '*it is*' is 'shall' in the text.

Romans 8:34:

...*It is* [Shall] Christ [who] died, [no]... who is even at the right hand of God, [doesn't condemn us, but he] who also maketh intercession for us.

Isn't that wonderful? A tremendous truth. Who shall separate us? Verse 35.

Romans 8:35:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?...

Yes, who shall? Who will? Nobody can. No.

Romans 8:35:

...*shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? [no war, nothing.]

Romans 8:37:

... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

We are more than what? Isn't that wonderful?

Romans 8:38-39:

I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
Nor height nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isn't that something? Nothing shall separate us from the love of God. When you're born again of God's spirit, can anything separate you from the love of God? Nothing. Because you're His child. You're His son. You're His daughter. Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, and you are in Christ.

That's why, people, it's the greatest Word of God in the world. It's the greatness of God's tremendous ministry; that he's committed unto us to go forth to show men and women the limitless limits that's possible because these are living within them – these abilities are in them potentially.

And what a tremendous walk this truth is. Isn't that just wonderful when you see the greatness with which these things are set in the Word? It just blesses your heart.