

The Bishop's Corner

No Condemnation

Praise the Lord Saints,

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Romans 8:1-9)

The devil bombards our soul with temptations, but the Spirit is always willing to help us resist and do the will of God. Condemnation in Romans 8:1 does not mean guilty, but it means that we are no longer under the judgment of eternal death. Because we are saved, we believe that God will forgive us when we repent. Those who are not saved believe that God will not forgive them.

Walking after the flesh means we have our own mind and our own ways. The Holy Spirit tries to get us to think like God and adapt His ways. Instead of allowing the Spirit to change us, we try to change God's ways and thoughts. “Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:6-9).

The Word of God will change us if we allow it to. Those who continue to resist the Spirit for an extended period become permanent babes in Christ. If we do not allow the Holy Spirit to influence our mind, an evil spirit will come into our mind and control it. If we want a life of peace, we must learn to follow the Holy Spirit.

God bless all of you,

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