



MAIN SCRIPTURES

- John 8:44; Romans 8:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

SURRENDER MY ATTITUDE

- Surrender Condemnation
- Practice Reconciliation

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“Beloved, now we are children of God. **It is not yet revealed what we will be; but we know that when He is revealed, we will be like Him**, for we will see Him just as He is.” 1 John 3:2 WEBUS

“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn’t stand in the truth**, because there is no truth in him. **When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.**” John 8:44 WEBUS

“There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus**, who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” Romans 8:1 WEBUS

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new. But all things are of God, **who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation**; namely, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning**

to them their trespasses, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation. We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: **we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.** For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf, **so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 WEBUS

INTRODUCTION:

Cease resistance; abandon control of your life entirely, and come into complete submission to God. That's what it means to surrender. When Y'shua returns, some of you will be like Him. And for that transformation to occur, it requires that you surrender condemnation and practice reconciliation.

Pray this without ceasing: “Yahweh, condemnation is from the Devil. He walks to and fro on the Earth, bringing accusations against God's people. There is no truth in him; he is the originator of lies—his first triumph over humans in the Garden, when his subtle deceit brought death into the world. He was even mad enough to bring an accusation of wrongdoing against You, Yahweh. Mistakes are part of the human experience. However, this does not mean I should live in a state of guilt, shame, and remorse. To hate my own sin is noble; to condemn myself for sin is demonic. Nor should I allow myself to be or feel condemned by others, or should I in any

way participate in the condemnation of others. Today, God, I practice reconciliation. I was granted a new identity and a new net worth when I became a Christian. That new person is completely reconciled to God. All debts were cleared when I was redeemed by You, Yahweh—the ransom paid in full by Christ. The ledger is balanced, and thus I am no longer condemned to collection! As such, I must now be a reconciler of others.”

Whoever won't surrender being or feeling condemned and condemning others, and practice reconciliation simply won't become like Him.

SURRENDER THE POOR ME ATTITUDE!

1. Surrender My Attitude

A. Surrender Condemnation

(1) **Introduction:** Condemnation is from the Devil.

(a) Satan is a liar: He lies to you and about you.

1. “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn't stand in the truth,** because there is no truth in him. **When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.”** John 8:44 WEBUS

- a) There is no truth in him; he was the first “murderer” and the originator of lies.
- 1) He was arrogant enough to believe he could fool the Son of God! Y’shua was clear about what to do about that; and you must be also!
 - 2) He was once an angel of light but is now filled with darkness, although he still pretends to be filled with light.
 - 3) He was consumed with pride: envious of Yahweh, and jealous of man.
 - 4) His prime objective is to destroy mankind, to ruin their lives and prevent them from an eternal destiny with God.
 - 5) He attempts to destroy lives by bringing never-ending false accusations against us to: ourselves, others, and Yahweh.
 - 6) He moves back and forth between heaven and earth to get the job done before he gets what he deserves and what he knows is coming.

(b) If he lied to Y’shua, don’t you think he’ll lie to you?

1. “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted by the devil**. When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry

afterward. The tempter came and said to him, **“If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”** But he answered, **“It is written,** ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of God’s mouth.’” Then the devil took him into the holy city. He set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, **“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and, ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you don’t dash your foot against a stone.’”** Jesus said to him, **“Again, it is written,** ‘You shall not test the Lord, your God.’” Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said to him, **“I will give you all of these things, if you will fall down and worship me.”** Then Jesus said to him, **“Get behind me, Satan! For it is written,** ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall serve him only.’” **Then the devil left him,** and behold, angels came and served him.” Matthew 4:1-11 WEBUS

- a) The way to handle Satan is straightforward: *“Get behind me, Satan! It is written. Because pride goes*

before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18)

1) *“But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, **“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”** Be subject therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**”* James 4:6-7 WEBUS

2. *“...**He was a murderer from the beginning...there is no truth in him...he is a liar, and the father of lies.**”*
John 8:44

a) He was once an angel of light but is now filled with darkness, although he still pretends to be filled with light.

1) *“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ’s apostles. And no wonder, for even **Satan masquerades as an angel of light.** It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”* 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 WEBUS

b) He was consumed with pride: envious of Yahweh, and jealous of man. *“I will make myself like the Most High!”*

- 1) ***“How you have fallen from heaven, shining one, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, “I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north! I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!” Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit.”*** Isaiah 14:12-15 WEBUS
- c) The “I will” of pride guarantees that a complete collapse is coming
 - 1) ***“Pride goes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.”*** Proverbs 16:18
WEBUS
- d) Man was created in God’s image, but Satan was not! That made him very jealous.
 - 1) ***“God created man in his own image. In God’s image he created him; male and female he created them.”*** Genesis 1:27 WEBUS
- e) His prime objective is to destroy mankind, to ruin their lives and prevent them from an eternal destiny with God.

1) *“Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary, **the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**”* 1 Peter 5:8

WEBUS

f) He attempts to destroy lives by bringing never-ending false accusations against us to: ourselves, others, and Yahweh.

1) *“I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, the power, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ has come; **for the accuser of our brothers** has been thrown down, **who accuses them before our God day and night.**”* Revelation 12:10 WEBUS

g) He moves back and forth between heaven and earth to get the job done...

1) *“Now on the day when God’s sons came to present themselves before Yahweh, Satan also came among them. **Yahweh said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”** Then Satan answered Yahweh, and said, “**From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**”* Yahweh said to Satan, *“Have you considered my servant, Job? For there is no*

one like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil.”” Job 1:6-8 WEBUS

h) He *accuses God’s children day and night*—before he gets what he deserves and what he knows is coming.

1) ***“The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are also. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”***

Revelation 20:10 WEBUS

(c) His first triumph over humans, the Garden of Eden, when his subtle deceit brought death into the world.

1. **“Now the serpent was more subtle** than any animal of the field which Yahweh God had made. **He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat of any tree of the garden’?”** The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, but not the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, **‘You shall not eat of it. You shall not touch it, lest you die.’”**”

Genesis 3:1-3 WEBUS

a) Yahweh NEVER said she could not touch the fruit!

- b) It's an understated approach. Satan does not just come at you boldly; that would be noticeable.
- c) Instead, it's a gentle whisper that makes you question God and question yourself.
- d) He knows he's got you where he wants you when you no longer remember what God said.
- e) Remember, Y'shua used precisely what "God said" to cause the enemy to flee.

1) *"But he answered, "**It is written** [Deut. 8:3], 'Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word that proceeds out of God's mouth.**'"*

Matthew 4:4 WEBUS

- f) Eve, to the contrary, seemed to forget Yahweh's command, and was thus vulnerable to the lies.

1) *"God has said, '**You shall not eat of it. You shall not touch it, lest you die.**'"* Genesis 3:3 WEBUS

- (d) Satan was even mad enough to condemn Yahweh for wrongdoing. He brought an accusation against God, claiming He was hiding the true benefits of eating the forbidden fruit.

1. *"The serpent said to the woman, "You won't really die, for **God knows** that in the day you eat it, **your***

eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”” Genesis 3:4-5 WEBUS

a) Interesting, later in Scripture, we learn that knowing good and evil is actually beneficial, a sign of maturity in the faith; yet for Adam and Eve, it was not attaining the knowledge, but how they came to attain that knowledge that was sinful.

1) *“For although by this time you should be teachers, you again need to have someone teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the revelations of God. **You have come to need milk, and not solid food.** For everyone who lives on milk is not experienced in the word of righteousness, for he is a baby. But **solid food is for those who are full grown, who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.**”* Hebrews 5:12-14 WEBUS

(2) Mistakes are part of the human experience. However, you should not live in a state of guilt, shame, and remorse.

(a) Mistakes make us want to hide from God!

1. “When the woman saw that **the tree was good for food**, and that **it was a delight to the eyes**, and that the tree **was to be desired to make one wise**, she

took some of its fruit, and ate. Then she gave some to her husband with her, and he ate it, too. **Their eyes were opened, and they both knew that they were naked.** They sewed fig leaves together, and **made coverings for themselves.** They heard Yahweh God's voice walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh** God among the trees of the garden." Genesis 3:6-8 WEBUS

- a) Mistakes are often a perversion of the truth—and good things are not always God things!
 - 1) The fruit tasted succulent!
 - 2) The fruit looked delicious!
 - 3) It's admirable to wish to become wise.
- b) The inconvenient truth is that God told them "No!"
 - 1) Once they transgressed, they became aware of their sin—they were exposed!
 - 2) Guilt, shame, and remorse caused embarrassment, so they hid themselves—believing they could actually avoid Yahweh.
- c) Hiding from God is impossible!

1) *“But **there is nothing covered up** that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.”* Luke 12:2 WEBUS

(b) Shame

1. **“Yahweh God called to the man,** and said to him, **“Where are you?”** The man said, **“I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; so I hid myself.”**” Genesis 3:9-10 WEBUS

a) God is not unaware of “where you are” in your sin. The question is for you? Where are you in your sin?

1) At this moment, Adam and Eve are in hiding because they feel completely ashamed.

(c) Blame

1. “God said, **“Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” **The man said, “The woman** whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Yahweh God said to the woman, “What have you done?” **The woman said, “The serpent** deceived me, and I ate.”” Genesis 3:11-13 WEBUS

a) No one had to inform Adam and Eve that they made a critical error—they were instantly aware.

- b) But, as oftentimes is the case, it's easier to blame someone else than to immediately take responsibility for your mistakes.
- c) The serpent is not off the hook; sure both Adam and Eve are responsible for their decision, but that does not release Satan from the consequences of his sin, and thus he will also be punished.
- 1) *"Yahweh God said to the serpent, "**Because you have done this, you are cursed** above all livestock, and above every animal of the field. You shall go on your belly and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel."*
- Genesis 3:14-15 WEBUS

(d) Penalties for everyone!

1. **"To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth. You will bear children in pain. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." To Adam he said, "Because you have listened to your wife's voice, and have eaten from the tree, about which I commanded you, saying, 'You**

shall not eat of it,' **the ground is cursed** for your sake. You will eat from it with **much labor all the days of your life**. It will yield thorns and thistles to you; and you will eat the herb of the field. You will eat bread by the sweat of your face until you return to the ground, for you were taken out of it. **For you are dust, and you shall return to dust.**"" Genesis 3:16-19

WEBUS

2. "For we know that **the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now.**" Romans 8:22

WEBUS

- a) Even though God does not want you to live in guilt, shame, and remorse, that does not mean there are no consequences for sinful behavior.

- 1) Hard childbirth...
- 2) Hard labor...
- 3) Eventual physical death...
- 4) Creation is still groaning...

- (e) But, it is all a temporary condition!

1. "The man called his wife Eve because she would be the mother of all the living. **Yahweh God made garments of animal skins** for Adam and for his wife, **and clothed them.**" Genesis 3:20-21 WEBUS

- a) Man was created naked, his only covering was the glory of God.
- 1) Sin brought shame and death, but that was NOT a permanent condition!
 - 2) God temporarily covered man in animal skins, a certain downgrade, but that too was NOT a permanent condition!
- b) Those animal skins will be removed once again, but even so, we will not be found naked because we will *“be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven.”*
- 1) ***“For we know that if the earthly house of our tent is dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. For most certainly in this we groan, longing to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed being clothed, we will not be found naked. For indeed we who are in this tent do groan, being burdened, **not that we desire to be unclothed, but that we desire to be clothed, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.**”*** 2 Corinthians 5:1-4

WEBUS

c) Creation will also be delivered from bondage!

1) *“For the **creation waits with eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.** For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the **creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of decay into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.**”*

Romans 8:19-21 WEBUS

(f) At first we were restricted, but there is way back...

1. “Yahweh God said, “Behold, the man **has become like one of us, knowing good and evil.** Now, **lest he reach out his hand, and also take of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever—**” Therefore Yahweh God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, **and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.**”

Genesis 3:22-24 WEBUS

a) Man was created in the God’s image; we’re meant to express that image—on God’s terms and in His

timing. We're not permitted to usurp His authority and do it our own way. But there is a way back.

- 1) *"But we all, with unveiled face seeing the glory of the Lord **as in a mirror, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, even as from the Lord, the Spirit."* 2 Corinthians 3:18

WEBUS

- b) We are meant to mature and to become "like one of them (Christ) **knowing good and evil...**"

- 1) *"But **solid food is for those who are full grown**, who by reason of use have their senses exercised **to discern good and evil.**"* Hebrews

5:14 WEBUS

- 2) *"He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, shepherds and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of serving, to the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a full grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,**"* Ephesians 4:11-13 WEBUS

c) **The Tree of Life is the way back:** It is He by whom all things were created—Christ!

1) *“**She [wisdom and understanding] is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her. By wisdom** Yahweh founded the earth. **By understanding,** he established the heavens.”* Proverbs 3:18-19

WEBUS

2) *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **For by him all things were created in the heavens and on the earth, visible things and invisible things, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things have been created through him and for him.**”* Colossians 1:15-16 WEBUS

d) To return to God’s original intent... Reach out, take of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.

1) *“Yahweh God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, **lest he reach out his hand, and also take of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever—”**”*

Genesis 3:22 WEBUS

2) *“For the love of Christ compels us; because we judge thus: that one died for all, therefore all died. **He died for all, that those who live should no longer live to themselves, but to him** who for their sakes died and rose again.”* 2

Corinthians 5:14-15 WEBUS

(3) To hate one’s own sin is noble; to condemn oneself for sin is demonic.

(a) If you have a heart for God, your sin will first feel like it brings condemnation...

1. “And by this we know that we are of the truth and persuade our hearts before him, **because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart**, and knows all things. Beloved, **if our hearts don’t condemn us, we have boldness toward God;**” 1 John 3:19-21 WEBUS

a) However, if you are a Christian, there is a remedy because God is bigger than sin and condemnation.

b) Once you experience reconciliation (and no longer feel condemned), you can stand with confidence before God!

(b) Not condemned if...

1. **“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,** who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.” Romans 8:1

WEBUS

- a) This is a critical area of Scripture in which the Apostle Paul clarifies what is happening when a Christian sins.
- b) There is no condemnation, but that freedom is only available to those who are not indulging their fleshly desires on purpose, but who are submitting to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- c) There is a subtle yet critical difference between making a mistake because of weakness or error, and choosing to indulge your flesh willfully.
- d) Paul arrived at this understanding from personal experience; he is the first man to describe what is happening on paper, and he walks us through the process so we can grasp this critical distinction.
- e) He begins with the dilemma. He had received the revelation he shared in Romans 6...*“We are no longer in bondage to sin. We who have died have been freed from sin.”* And yet, even so, he found *“himself doing things he shouldn’t!”*

- 1) ***“For I don’t understand what I am doing. For I don’t practice what I desire to do; but what I hate, that I do. But if what I don’t desire, that I do, I consent to the law that it is good. So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me.”*** Romans 7:15-17 WEBUS
- f) Paul knows that we are new creations, that our old man is dead... and yet that old man’s flesh nature still exists. And that old flesh nature and new spirit are in a constant battle. That battle tempts us to do the wrong thing at times, even when we know not to and don’t want to.
 - 1) ***“For **the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another**, that you may not do the things that you desire.”*** Galatians 5:17 WEBUS
- g) But, the greatest revelation here is that Paul realizes that under those conditions—in the battle—the one who sins is no longer him—it’s not part of his new identity—but he can indulge his flesh purposely! Evil and sin still exist in his old self, but his old self is NOT his new self!

1) “For ***I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing. For desire is present with me, but I don’t find it doing that which is good. For the good which I desire, I don’t do; but the evil which I don’t desire, that I practice. But if what I don’t desire, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me.*** I find then the law that, while I desire to do good, ***evil is present.*** For I delight in God’s law after the inward person, but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity ***under the law of sin which is in my members.***” Romans 7:18-23

WEBUS

h) **Resolution:** Who will deliver you from ***your flesh that lusts against the Spirit? (Who enables you to make the right choice?)*** Praise Yahweh, Jesus does, and if you are born-again, He ALREADY DID! Again you can see two identities: one that serves God, and the other that serves sin.

1) “What a wretched man I am! ***Who will deliver me out of the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord!*** So then with the

mind, I myself serve God's law, but with the flesh, sin's law. Romans 7:24-25 WEBUS

i) Thus, you can see clearly how this condemnation thing works: *"There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk according to the Spirit and not the flesh."*

1) *"Yahweh redeems the soul of his servants. **None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned.**"* Psalms 34:22 WEBUS

(4) Condemned and condemning others!

(a) You should not allow yourself to be or feel condemned by others, nor should you in any way participate in the condemnation of others.

1. "Therefore **be merciful**, even as your Father is also merciful. **Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned.** Set free, and you will be set free." Luke 6:36-37 WEBUS

a) It begins with the Golden Rule!

1) *"Therefore, **whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them; for this is the law and the prophets.**"* Matthew 7:12 WEBUS

b) We are servants of Christ, and it is ultimately to Him that we are held accountable—if we are to be condemned, it would be by Him!

1) ***“Who are you who judge another’s servant? To his own Lord he stands or falls. Yes, he will be made to stand, for God has power to make him stand.”*** Romans 14:4 WEBUS

2) See [Surrender Judgement & Practice Honor](#) for a full length teaching on proper and improper judgment.

(b) *What then shall we say about these things?* This says it all...

1. **“What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who didn’t spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give us all things? Who could bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or**

nakedness, or peril, or sword? Even as it is written, “For your sake we are killed all day long. We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” No, **in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, **nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from God’s love which is in Christ Jesus** our Lord.” Romans 8:31-39 WEBUS

- a) If God is for us, who can be against us?
 - 1) Think about it... if the God and Father of us all did not even withhold sparing His only begotten Son, how could you believe He would withhold any good thing from you?
- b) Who could bring a charge against God’s chosen?
 - 1) It is God alone who makes the final judgment and therefore it is God alone who justifies.
- c) Who is He who condemns?
 - 1) Satan cannot condemn you; others cannot condemn you; and you cannot condemn you! Only God can—and if you are in Christ, He won’t!

- d) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
 - 1) No one and no thing!
 - 2) In Christ, we already have the victory!
 - 3) No other created thing can separate us from God's love when we are in Jesus!
 - 4) So, Surrender Condemnation!

B. Practice Reconciliation

(1) **Introduction:** You were granted a new identity and a new net worth when you became a Christian.

(a) Do you still view yourself as a sinner?

1. "Or **don't you know** that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into his death?** We were **buried** therefore with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised** from the dead through the glory of the Father, **so we also might walk in newness of life.** For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of his resurrection; **knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be in bondage to sin.** For he who has died has been **freed from sin.**" Romans 6:3-7 WEBUS

a) Don't you know that...

- 1) ...when Christ died, you died with Him?
 - 2) ...when Christ was buried, you were buried with Him?
 - 3) ...when Christ was raised, you were raised with Him?
- b) Why?
- 1) So you could walk in a new life!
 - 2) The old man died on that cross with Christ.
- c) Why?
- 1) So you would no longer be in bondage to sin!
 - 2) You have been freed from sin!
- d) Your new person is completely reconciled to God. Anyone, including yourself, who tells you that you are still a sinner, that sin still has dominion over you, and that you are incapable of not sinning, is lying to you!
- 1) ***“Don’t lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his doings, and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge after the image of his Creator,”***
Colossians 3:9-10 WEBUS
- e) Know this: sin is no longer mandatory, and each time you sin, you have volunteered to do so.

f) Since you are a new creation—completely reconciled to God, you need not obey the lusts of your flesh as its slave anymore. Instead, you can become a slave to righteousness.

1) ***“Therefore don’t let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. Also, do not present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but **present yourselves to God** as alive from the dead, and your members **as instruments of righteousness to God.**”*** Romans 6:12-13 WEBUS





(b) This is the bottom line...

1. “You, being **in past times** alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil deeds, **yet now he has reconciled** in the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy and without defect and blameless** before him, **if it is so that you continue in the faith**, grounded and steadfast, and **not moved** away from the hope of the Good News which you heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, of which I, Paul, was made a servant.” Colossians 1:21-23 WEBUS

- a) Being an enemy of God and separated from Him is in your past.
 - 1) You've been reconciled to God because Christ died for you.
 - 2) To be reconciled means that God sees you as holy, perfect, and innocent.
- b) Evidence this is true...
 - 1) You would continue in the faith.
 - 2) You would stay grounded in the truth.
 - 3) Your faith would endure trials.
 - 4) You would never stray from the Gospel.

(2) All debts were cleared when you were redeemed by Yahweh.

- (a) The ransom was paid in full by Christ...
 - 1. "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all**, the testimony at the proper time," 1 Timothy 2:5-6 WEBUS
 - a) The ransom is the price paid to release someone who has been kidnapped or apprehended by a criminal.
 - b) The criminal is Satan!
 - c) You were the hostage!

- d) The price paid was the blood of Christ!
- 1) ***“In him we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace”*** Ephesians 1:7 WEBUS
- e)  **WARNING**  Don't trample on that blood!
- 1) ***“A man who disregards Moses' law dies without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment do you think he will be judged worthy of **who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?**”*** Hebrews 10:28-29
WEBUS
- f)  **WARNING**  If you think Satan is not a criminal, that you are not a hostage, and that you do not need to be ransomed, you are woefully deceived!
- 1) ***“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to***

forgive us the sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we haven't sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:8-10 WEBUS

(3) The ledger is balanced, and thus you are no longer condemned to collection!

(a) You were once dead in your sins, but no more!

1. "You were dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **wiping out the handwriting in ordinances which was against us.** He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:13-14 WEBUS

a) Every sin, debt, and record of sin and debt has been nailed to the cross—wiped from your history!

1) "***being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,***" Romans 3:24
WEBUS

(b) God is love

1. "We know and have believed the love which God has for us. **God is love,** and **he who remains in love remains in God,** and God remains in him." 1 John 4:16 WEBUS

(c) And love keeps no record of wrongs! (See: [Surrender Offenses & Practice Forgiveness](#))

1. “**Love** is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it **keeps no record of wrongs.**” 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NIV

a) God’s love seals off the records!

1) God does not erase the past from your memory, but He does remove the record of your sins from the archives!

b) Your past sins can be located out west, *and if you want to search for them (**which would be utterly foolish**)*, Yahweh requires that you begin your journey to find them traveling east.

1) “***As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.***” Psalms 103:12 WEBUS

c) When you look back at your past, you will find there is not even one blemish on your record. So, stop living in the present as if there’s unforgiveness for your past.

1) *“I, even I, am he who **blots out your transgressions** for my own sake; and I **will not remember your sins.**”* Isaiah 43:25 WEBUS

(4) As such, you must now bring reconciliation to others.

(a) Your new person is completely reconciled to God.

1. “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation.** The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new. But all things are of God, **who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation;** namely, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses,** and having committed to us the word of reconciliation. **We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ,** as though God were entreating by us: **we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.** For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf, so **that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

WEBUS

a) When you were born again, you were born as a new person!

- 1) Your new person was reconciled to God as if you had never sinned.
 - 2) In turn, you must represent that opportunity for reconciliation to others.
 - 3) That is not a mandate for a few Christians in ministry as a vocation, but for all Christians.
- b) How do you offer reconciliation to others?
- 1) First recognize that you are on this earth as an ambassador of Christ.
 - 2) You have been given permission to speak for Christ as if your words are His words!
 - 3) To do so, you must, must, must understand the utter magnitude of the gift of reconciliation you received and how it happened (Christ became your sin!).
 - 4) Only then can you become the righteousness of God in the earth—and that is an order, not a request.
- c) The REWARD!
- 1) *“Brothers, if any among you wanders from the truth **and someone turns him back**, let him know that **he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and will***

cover a multitude of sins.” James 5:19-20

WEBUS

Prayer: I SURRENDER CONDEMNATION (*Yahweh, condemnation is from the Devil. He is the one who walks to and fro on the Earth, bringing accusations against God’s people. There is no truth in him; he is the originator of lies—his first triumph over humans was in the Garden, when his subtle deceit brought death into the world. He was even mad enough to bring an accusation of wrongdoing against You, Yahweh. Mistakes are part of the human experience. However, this does not mean I should live in a state of guilt, shame, and remorse. To hate my own sin is noble; to condemn myself for sin is demonic. Nor should I allow myself to be or feel condemned by others, or should I in any way participate in the condemnation of others.*) I WILL PRACTICE RECONCILIATION (*Today, God, I practice reconciliation. I was granted a new identity and a new net worth when I became a Christian. That new person is completely reconciled to God. All debts were cleared when I was redeemed by You, Yahweh—the ransom paid in full by Christ. The ledger is balanced, and thus I am no longer condemned to collection! As such, I must now be a reconciler of others.*)

ASSIGNMENT #21

1. Pray about and meditate on these Scriptures:

- A. *“For **the word of God** is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but **all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.**”*** Hebrews 4:12-13 WEBUS
- B. *“But there is **nothing covered up that will not be revealed,** nor hidden that will not be known.”* Luke 12:2 WEBUS
- C. *“For **God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.**”* Ecclesiastes 12:14 WEBUS
- D. *“For **no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.** But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, **each man’s work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is **revealed in fire;**** and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man’s work is.”* 1 Corinthians 3:11-13 WEBUS
- E. *“For the time has come for **judgment** to begin with the household of God. If it **begins first with us,** what will happen*

*to those who don't obey the Good News of God?" 1 Peter
4:17 WEBUS*

2. **Surrender Condemnation:** *"There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus**, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." Romans 8:1
WEBUS*

A. Search your heart humbly and honestly.

- 1) Do you recognize that condemnation is from the Devil and that he walks to and fro on the Earth, bringing accusations against God's people?
- 2) Do you realize that there is no truth in Satan, that he is the originator of lies?
- 3) Do you see that his first triumph over humans was in the Garden, when his subtle deceit brought death into the world?
- 4) Can you recognize that he was even mad enough to bring an accusation of wrongdoing against Yahweh?
- 5) Can you acknowledge that mistakes are part of the human experience, but this does not mean you should live in a state of guilt, shame, and remorse?
- 6) Will you admit that to hate one's own sin is noble, but to condemn oneself for sin is demonic?

- 7) Do you realize that you should now allow yourself to be or feel condemned by others, nor should you in any way participate in the condemnation of others?
- 8) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
- 9) Who will hold you accountable to surrender your feelings of condemnation and the habit to condemn others?

3. **Practice Reconciliation:** *“But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and **gave to us the ministry of reconciliation;**”* 2 Corinthians 5:18 WEBUS

A. Are you prepared to walk in a life of reconciliation?

- 1) Will you acknowledge that you were granted a new identity and a new net worth when you became a Christian?
- 2) Will you admit that the new person is completely reconciled to God—all debts were cleared when you were redeemed by Yahweh—the ransom paid in full by Christ?
- 3) Do you understand that the ledger is balanced, and thus you are no longer condemned to collection?
- 4) Will you become a reconciler of others?
- 5) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.

6) Who will hold you accountable to live a life as a reconciled child of God and a reconciler of others?