



One of the most incredible verses in the bible is Romans 8:1.

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Condemnation literally means an adverse sentence. We know from Matthew 23:33 and many other verses that Paul is talking about the condemnation of hell.

Without the threat of condemnation what motivation is there to live a Godly and holy life?

Paul said in Romans 8:1 that the Holy Spirit supplies that motivation.

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Paul made an assumption in Romans 8:1 that if we are in Christ, we will walk according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh.

Why did He make this strong assumption?

The nature and activity of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God. He is a member of the trinity.

God the Spirit is also called the Holy Spirit. He has many other names besides God that reveal His nature and His activity.

- **The Spirit of truth** [Jn 16:13](#) *See also* [Jn 14:17](#); [Jn 15:26](#); [1Jn 4:6](#)
- **The Spirit of holiness** [Ro 1:4](#)
- **The Spirit of life** [Ro 8:2](#)
- **The Spirit of promise** [Eph 1:13](#)
- **The Spirit of glory** [1 Pe 4:14](#)
- **The eternal Spirit** [Heb 9:14](#)
- **The Counsellor** [Jn 14:26](#); [Jn 15:26](#)
- **The Spirit of wisdom and understanding** [Isa 11:2](#) *See also* [Dt 34:9](#); [Eph 1:17](#)
- **The Spirit of grace and supplication** [Zec 12:10](#)

- **The Spirit of sonship** [Ro 8:15](#)
- **The Spirit of judgment and fire** [Isa 4:4](#)

The images for the Holy Spirit are Wind, Fire, Tongues, Water, Oil, and a Dove.

When you receive Jesus Christ, your body becomes the temple of God the Spirit.

1 Cor. 6:19

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

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He moves in with you. He lives in you. He dwells in you. He becomes your team mate.

1 Cor. 6:17

17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

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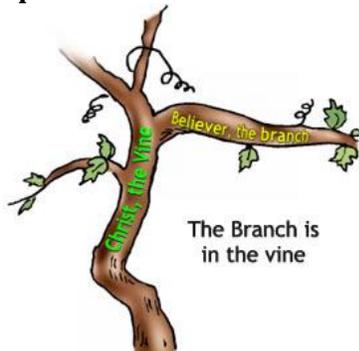
Receiving Jesus is compared to a wild olive branch being grafted into a cultivated olive tree.

**John 15:5**

**5 "I am the vine, you are the branches....**

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When you receive Jesus you become a partaker of His spiritual vine and that vine is His Spirit.



This union has an incredible impact on your whole being.

- **His righteous nature is your nature-partaker of His divine nature**(2 Peter 1:4)
- **His mind is your mind-you have the mind of Christ.**(1 Cor. 2:16)
- **His purpose is your purpose-make Christ known.**(Eph. 3:10-11)
- **His fruit is your fruit-the fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22-23).**



**You bear His fruit because He is in you and He has changed who you are! You are a new creation in Christ! (2 Cor. 5:17).**

**2 Cor. 5:17-18**

**17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

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**Rom. 11:16**

**16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.**

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**There is not one story in the bible in which the Holy Spirit does not radically and immediately change whoever and whatever He joins!**

**The burning bush**

**Balaam's Ass**

**The axe head**

**Balaam**

**Samson**

**Saul**

**Paul rightfully assumes that you will walk according the Spirit and not according to the lusts of the flesh because you are one spirit with Him.**

**Why then are there times in all of our lives that we walk according to the lusts of their flesh rather than walk according to the Spirit?**

- **We have not been saved**

1. **You made your decision because you were scared.**

**You heard the gospel. You wanted to go to heaven and not go to hell. And just in case the bible might be true you wanted to have some assurance that you would be safe. You wanted some fire insurance.**

2. **You made your decision because of the attention you would receive.**

3. **You made your decision because your family is Christian.**

**But when you made your decision you were not sure the bible is the Word of God and that Jesus is the Son of God. You were not sure that He rose from the dead. You did not really want to change. You did not repent of your sins.**

**The Holy Spirit had nothing to do with your decision. You are not born again and God's Spirit does not dwell in you. You have deceived yourself into believing that you are safe. Perhaps your deception has been supported by false teachers. This is why you still walk according to lust of the flesh. You were never grafted into the vine.**

**Another possibility is that we do believe the bible is true and we have received Jesus but....**

- **We do not appropriate by faith who is in us and who we are in Him.**

**Perhaps we have never understood this before today. You received Jesus and offered yourself to God and you were saved from condemnation. You were told that you should read your bible, pray, go to church, give to the church, and tell others about Jesus.**

**When you failed you were told you should confess your sins, renew your commitment, and try harder.**

**What happens to someone who has received Jesus Christ but does not know who is in them and who they are in Him?**

- **You compartmentalize your life into religious and secular**
- **You harbor secret sins**
- **You separate yourself from intimate relationships with the body of Christ**
- **You perform religious acts to balance your conscience**
- **You accept defeat to sin**
- **You justify your sins by proclaiming nobody's perfect**
- **You take religious pilgrimages to make yourself holy and get closer to God**
- **You are sensitive to criticism**
- **You perform for God's acceptance and for the acceptance of the church**
- **You find your significance by performing for God and others**
- **You are not a team player**
- **You discount this truth about the Holy Spirit**

**You water down the truth about the Holy Spirit. You annul the Word of God. You cause others to not believe these truths. You get very excited about the fact that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus but the Holy Spirit's presence in you means very little to you. You simply do not believe the whole gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**If you had a billion dollars in your bank account but you did not believe it, it would not do you any good other than you would never be overdrawn.**

**If you won a billion dollars but you never claimed it, it would not do you any good.**

**You must believe in this promise of the gospel and claim it as your own or it will never do you any good. You will be like the Israelites who were redeemed from Egypt by the blood of a lamb but never claimed the promise land because of their unbelief.**

**What makes this promise of the gospel so difficult to believe is that it is fulfilled in the unseen world. (Col. 1:16). There are two worlds, the visible and invisible; the material and the spiritual.**

**We believe in the unseen world when someone dies.**

**The bible says that even now we are spiritual beings created in the image of God and joined with the Holy Spirit in the unseen world.**

#### **Invitation**

**You have never been grafted into the vine and you need to be saved.**

**You are saved and you have been grafted into the vine but you have not known who is in you and you have not known who you are in Him!**

**There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! What a wonderful promise.**

**Will you receive the other promise of the gospel?**

**I am the temple of the Holy Spirit.  
His righteous nature is my nature.  
His mind is my mind.  
His purpose is my purpose.  
His fruit is my fruit.  
I am not the same.  
I am a new creation in Christ.**

