

Not Guilty!

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One of the worst things in life is to walk around carrying a heavy load of guilt. Most of the time, God doesn't even remember it anymore. I've learned over the years, that the quickest way to defeatism is to walk around feeling guilty, when God has already forgiven us! The Scriptures clearly say: *"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 – On the moment that we came to God through Christ Jesus, there remains no more guilt against us! (Acts 2:38). Once in Christ Jesus we become a child of God, the Holy Spirit comes to indwell us, and that very Spirit will set us free from the condemnations hovering over our heads, according to Ephesians 1:7 – *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."*

I know that we miss the mark many times, but as soon as repentance takes place, the verdict will be the same: **"Not Guilty!"** Jesus' sacrifice covered it all. It is not to say that we will get a free pass with sin, no! Sin will bring its consequences, but the condemnation is removed by repentance and we can bank on this. Nehemiah says: *"...but you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and did not forsake them."*

There is nothing that we could ever do as true Bible believers that could cause us to walk around heads down, because of guilt, condemnation or shame. God's love for us is greater than any sin or condemnation in our lives! So, if we have sinned, let's confess it; if we have already confessed, it's time to get out of condemnation mode. The verdict will be the same: **"Not Guilty"** on the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps the only persons thinking about our guilt are we ourselves. Thank God *"we are not guilty!"* Let's get out of defeat and get in victory mode!

In His service,
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