

**The Greatest Letter Ever**  
**No Condemnation**  
**Romans 8:1-2**

**Introduction: Heading To The High Country**

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)*

**What Is Condemnation?**

**Note:** It's easy to describe condemnation by how you feel: guilty, fearful, and rejected.

**How Does God Respond To Me When I Sin?**

**1<sup>st</sup> Response: God doesn't reject me when I sin**

- God's love is unconditional
- Our acceptance isn't based on performance
- Our acceptance is based on our position in Christ

**2<sup>nd</sup> Response: God isn't angry with me when I'm inconsistent**

**Question:** How can it be that God doesn't become angry with us?

- God knows how we are made (Psalm 103:13-14)
- Jesus understands because He is one of us (Hebrews 4:15-16)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Response: God doesn't punish me when I sin**

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. (1 Peter 3:18)*

*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:10-12)*

**What Does Happen When A Christian Sins?**

**1<sup>st</sup> Result: Sin brings conviction from God (John 16:8)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Result: Sin hurts people around us (1 Chronicles 21)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Result: Sins hurts us and destroys our happiness (Galatians 6:7-8)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Result: Sin breaks fellowship with God (1 John 1:6-7)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Result: Sin limits your usefulness to God (John 15:4)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Result: Sin brings loving discipline from God (Hebrews 12:5-7)**

**7<sup>th</sup> Result: Sin results in a loss of rewards in heaven (2 John 8; 1 Corinthians 3:14-15)**

### **What Should a Christian Who Sins Do?**

**1<sup>st</sup> Insight: Remember you have an advocate (1 John 2:1-2)**

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Insight: Confess your sin (1 John 1:9)**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Insight: Accept Forgiveness and forgive yourself (1 John 3:19-20)**

*This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. (1 John 3:19-20)*

**Conclusion: Welcome To The High Country**