

# ***The One Who Does Not Condemn***

**Scripture:**

John 3:16-21, Note 17

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## **Introduction**

Jesus came into the world on an errand of mercy. He came to save men from themselves. He did not come to condemn and increase a person's burden. Rather He came to liberate them from the bondages, habits and lifestyles which weigh them down.

### **I. The rule of the religious -- condemn and criticize**

Mark 7:5 NKJV Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"

- A. The religious expose the offenses
- B. The religious condemn the offender
- C. The religious criticize the Lord

### **II. The role of the Redeemer -- justify and release**

***John 3:16-21 NIV*** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. {17} For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. {18} Whoever believes in him is not condemned but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. {19} This is the verdict. Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness because their deeds were evil. {20} Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. {21} But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

***John 8:10-11 NIV*** Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" {11} "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

- A. He came to love
- B. He came to lift
- C. He came to liberate

### **III. The right of the repentant -- liberty and forgiveness**

***Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV*** "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

***1 John 1:9 NKJV*** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- A. Confession, full forgiveness and forgotten offenses
- Hebrews 10:17 NKJV*** then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."
- B. Release from the weight of condemnation
  - C. Acceptance from our heavenly Father