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What is condemnation? Imagine you have done something very bad, something your mother told you many times not to do. When your mother finds out she will be angry with you. She will give you a stern look and tell you that what you did was wrong and that you have disobeyed. She may even talk about the discipline that's coming because of your disobedience. That's condemnation - telling someone they are guilty and deserve to be punished. How does condemnation make you feel? (*sad? bad? afraid?*)

The Bible clearly says that all of us have sinned against God and deserve to be condemned by God (Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:32). We are all guilty and because of our sin and guilt we deserve to be punished by God. That's bad news. Knowing these things makes us feel bad inside and it makes us afraid of God. But here's the good news of the gospel! Even though we deserved condemnation, God condemned Jesus instead. Jesus was condemned in our place. He willingly took the punishment we deserved so that we can be completely forgiven for our sin.

So this verse is a great encouragement. **Those who are in Christ Jesus** never have to worry that God will condemn them or punish them for their sin. There is **no condemnation** left for those who are trusting in Jesus. Instead they can know that God will always love them and treat them with kindness and compassion.

Are you trusting in Christ Jesus? How can this verse help you when you feel guilty because of your sin?