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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 134

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His sweet non-condemning love**. **Rom. 8:1-2** *“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.”*

The Greek word for *condemnation* is *katakrima* which means *penalty, punishment or sentence handed down to the guilty*. What an amazing thought to think that we were all guilty of sin and deserved the punishment of separation from God forever. We were condemned because of that sin. But Paul makes this wonderful declaration of our liberation. There is now no condemnation! We have been pardoned. We can walk away, cleared of the charges against us. It reminds me of a man named Archie Williams. He spent 36 years in a Louisiana prison for a crime he didn't commit. Although he hadn't committed the crime, he had been falsely accused and still had to spend all of those years incarcerated and separated from his family. When it was found out that he was not guilty, he was released. With tears in his eyes, he walked out of that prison a free man.

We are much like Archie, except we are all guilty of sin. **Rom. 3:23** *“For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”* And yet, because Jesus was willing to love us enough to take our sin debt upon Himself and pay for us with His precious, innocent blood, we can walk away from eternal punishment as free people. When God looks at us, it is with unconditional love that sees us as completely clean and whole. And that, my friends, is the love of God!

Dear Father, thank You for this love that does not condemn us when we deserve it, but instead forgave us through the blood of Jesus that was shed for us. You loved us that much! Thank You Lord! In Jesus Name, Amen