

#50 He that believeth no 4 Shall not be condemned

1 As we continue to take our study from the thought of the blessings or benefits the believer receives, tonight we will take our thoughts from John 3:17-21, where we are told that the Believer will not come be condemned with the world. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 "He that believeth" (? ????????) on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

2 Now, the apostle Paul also taught that there is no condemnation for the believer as well. Let's turn in our Bibles to Romans Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

3 The Word condemnation that the apostle Paul used here is a Greek word, katakrima {kat-ak'-ree-mah} and it means a Damnatory sentence, hence condemnation. We found that it comes from a rot word which means literally a -- damning or to give judgment against, and to judge worthy of punishment, in other words, to condemn. Thus condemnation.

4 Webster defines Condemnation as "the act of condemning". Which is to pass judgment upon. Therefore, in this verse of Scripture that we are dealing with this, Paul tells us that those who are in Christ Jesus shall not come into the judgment. 8:1 There is therefore now no judgment to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 Again we see in Romans 5:16b for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

6 Another verse where we see Jesus make this promise is in John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

7 Notice we are promised a deliverance from the judgment by walking in the light, then to walk in the light is of the utmost importance to us a People, Now, the word that Jesus used for condemnation is the Greek word, krisis {kree'-sis} which means -- judgment, damnation, and condemnation: and suggests a separating, sundering,

separation; a trial, or contest. Sentence of condemnation, damnatory judgment, condemnation and punishment

8 In Romans 8:1 where the Apostle Paul says, ¶ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

9 The word condemnation used here by Paul is the Greek word, katakrima {kat-ak'-ree-mah} and it means Damnatory sentence, hence condemnation. This word {kat-ak'-ree-mah} comes from the root word katakrino {kat-ak'-ree'-no} which is a compound word kata {kat-ah'} meaning -- against and kurieuo {ko-ree-yoo'-o} which means "to have dominion over". Hence the combination of these two words means to have dominion over against. Therefore this thing Paul is speaking of here has to do with something which literally dominates against. Literally a -- damning 1) to give judgment against, to judge worthy of punishment to condemn

10 Now, in our modern usage of the word, Webster defines Condemnation as the act of condemning. Now, to condemn means to pass judgment upon.

11 Therefore, in this verse of Scripture that we are dealing with this morning, The Apostle Paul tells us that those who are in Christ Jesus shall not come into the judgment. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

12 This is the key... Are we walking in the Spirit or after the things of the world.

13 Brother Branham quoted this scripture many, many times, and each time he quoted from this verse he used the word judgment, rather than the word condemnation. Now, if he read it this way, then we should do the same, as I have shown you in the Greek that this is what Jesus Himself is speaking.

14 In 1 John 1:7 we read,: If we walk in the light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with Him and with One another and the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. So the key is to be found walking in the light.

15 Now, Paul must have been quoting Jesus when He said these words, because they are so similar to what Jesus said. And since this is spoken of by Paul, Jesus, and again by William Branham, I feel that we should understand what this means, because after all "in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall all things be established. These are words of encouragement to us today, seeing that this world is under the curse of God for having rejected His Word in this hour.

16 Now, what is it that Paul is telling us that will keep us from the judgment? He says, "to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, there is no judgment.

17 Now, what does it mean "To them which are in Christ Jesus?" How can we be in Christ? Well, Jesus tells us

how when He said, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Now, the Greek does not say "Believes on Him," but it simply says, "believes Him." Jesus is not concerned whether you believe in God but whether you believe what God says, namely His Word. Therefore, it is not a believing on God, but rather a believing God period, that Jesus is telling us here. , He that hears my word, and believes him that sent me... That's the key. That is what keeps you from the judgment...

18 I like the way the Amplified version translates Jesus words here in John 5:24... The person whose ears are open to My words - who listens to My Message - and believes, and trusts and clings to and relies on Him who sent me has (possesses now) Eternal Life. And he does not come into the judgment - does not incur sentence of judgment; will not come under condemnation - but has already passed over out of death into life.

19 Oh that we might believe in such a way as to trust, and clings to, and rely on God our Father, especially in the light of this Glorious End-time Message of Grace and Mercy that He has come down personally to deliver to you and me.

20 Look at these wonderful words. To believe, to trust, to cling to, and to rely on God.

21 To Believe: Means: to take as true and have confidence in.

To Trust: Means: to have faith and confidence in the honesty, integrity, reliability and justice.

To Cling to Means: to hold fast and embrace.

To Rely on Means to confidently depend upon for support or aid...

22 Therefore, when Jesus says, The person whose ears are open to My words - who listens to My Message - and believes, and trusts and clings to and relies on Him who sent me, (possesses now) Eternal Life. And he will not come into the judgment - he will not incur sentence of judgment; he will not come under condemnation - because he has already passed over out of the result of judgment which is death and has already passed into life.

23 That is why God's presence is so important to us in this hour. He is here to deliver those who have believed and trusted and relied upon His Word. When Brother Branham preached that most wonderful Message telling how the rapture would come, he took his text from Psalm 27:5.

24 The Rapture pp. 27 "In the Book of Psalms... Now, I want to speak on a--a real strange subject tonight just for a little while. I've got some Scriptures written down here, and--and I thought maybe that... Tonight I was going to speak on something different, but see the time get away, why, I didn't want to stay that long, so I just turned over here and got some more Scripture. And I want to speak on the subject of "The Rapture." See? Now, we believe that there will be a rapture. All Christians believe that, that's Bible readers believes that there will be a rapture. And now, to read for--to background, we read the 25th

25 Brother Branham reads from Psalms 27 for his text for the Rapture sermon. 27th Psalm, 1-5 verses. The LORD is my light and my salvation; in whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I

be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, come upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumble and fell. Though the host should encamp about me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to require in his temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in the pavilion: and in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me... upon a rock.

26 May the Lord add His blessings to that reading of His Word. Now, today, speaking on this subject... And now, some of you may differ the avenues that I take, but how many in here believes that the Bible teaches there will be a rapture of the church? Yes, sir. That's right. That's right, a catching away of the church. Whether you're a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, or whoever you are, Pentecostal, there will be a catching away. And I think that in speaking I--I just don't try to get up here to say something that I think would please the people. I've never been guilty of that. I want to get up here and say something as I feel led to say it, that I think would be a help to you, something that would further your experience with God if you are a Christian, and if you're not a Christian, make you so ashamed of yourself that you will become a Christian. And that's the purpose that I've always tried to line up my thoughts as the Lord would lead me.

Now, we are warned, as in the doctrine of this in the last days will be scorned at. If you would... Let's just read that just a minute. It's in II Peter the 3rd chapter. Let's read just a moment on this, the 3rd chapter and the 3rd and 4th verses. Let's see if this isn't right. Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lust, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming?... since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that is by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and the--and in the water: Whereby the world that... was, being overflowed with water, perished:

Now, we see that the reason that this subject is so lightened at,(that means to be made fun of, or not taken seriously) is because that the prophet here has said that in this last days these scoffers would come saying these things. See? It's predicted. The reason the people are acting today the way they're acting... Why, you certainly are expecting it, because the Bible said that: "In the last days they'd be heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, despisers of those that are good, having a form of godliness and denying the power thereof; from such turn away." Can we look for a impersonation of Truth? Certainly.

27 Now, having read from Brother Branham's Message on the Rapture, we find that He used Psalms 27 for his text which means his main Scripture which is supposed to lay out the detail for his Message.

28 Psalms 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. Notice here that we read, trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle... and in

29 Psalms 31:20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

30 Then notice also in this scripture that brother Branham used for his text for the Rapture Message, it speaks of

a time of trouble. It is at this time of trouble that we are told that we will be hid in His Tabernacle, or His Presence.... Now He did not say that I would be hid in the tabernacle, but His tabernacle... And this Tabernacle is His Presence... and notice, He does not say it is something that will be open and available to everyone, but he says that we will be hid in His Presence.... That should tell us that His Presence will not be known to others, or it would not be a hidden place of refuge.

31 Now, He also tells us that at the time of trouble, it is at this time that we will be hid away from the pride of man. 20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man...

32 Now what is the pride of man? I would think it would be in what man feels he can point to by way of accomplishment. And look how man thinks he is so smart because of what he can achieve via the computer technology. The computer age they call it, but God calls it the age of Laodicea...And we are warned by God, in the Book of Proverbs,

33 Proverbs 16:18 ¶ Pride [goeth] before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. And wouldn't you have guessed it that Pride is one of the three sins that condemned Sodom to a fiery judgment.

34 Ezekiel 16:49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, (1) pride, (2) fullness of bread, and (3) abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

35 So we see that Sodom was judged by the Judge Himself, and what was her judgment? Fire and destruction... Now, Wednesday night we looked at this time of trouble that is spoken of here in Psalm 27:5... For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock...

36 So we see that there is to be a time of trouble, but notice also that at this particular time of trouble, we will be hid in His Presence, secretly, and at this time of the hiding away in Christ we will be set upon a rock...

37 Now, where else do we hear those words, upon a rock, and what do they mean?

38 Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

39 So we see that The Rock is Revelation of Who Christ is? And that should be easily understood since Paul tells us the Rock that followed the Children of Israel was Christ. I

40 Corinthians 10:1 ¶ Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

41 We see This Rock identified with God's Presence with Moses. Exodus 33:21 And the LORD said, Behold, [there is] a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: 22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: 23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

42 Again in the Book of Judges the Rock is associated with the Presence of God...

43 Judges 13:17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What [is] thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it [is] secret?19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered [it] upon a rock unto the LORD: and [the angel] did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on [it], and fell on their faces to the ground.21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he [was] an angel of the LORD. 22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

44 In Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

45 Now, notice how the time of trouble is shown here in Matthew but the person who is considered wise is the one who build upon a rock, upon revelation while the foolish ones did not.

46 The bible speaks of this time of trouble in several places, but in each time it speaks of this time of trouble, it also speaks of our deliverance by the Presence of God.

47 Psalms 37:39 The salvation of the righteous [is] of the LORD: [He is] their strength in the time of trouble.

Psalms 41:1 ¶ Blessed [is] he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

48 Daniel 12:1 ¶ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
tsarah {tsaw-raw'} 1) straits, distress, trouble

49 malat {maw-lat'} 1) to slip away, escape, deliver, save, be delivered to slip away - to escape - to be delivered

50 I Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

51 The word caught up was translated from the Greek word harpazo {har-pad'-zo} which means -- catch up -- take by force -- catch away -- pluck -- catch -- pull to seize, carry off by force, to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly, to snatch out or away

52 I Corinthians 15: 51 ¶ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

53 In Elisha's day we see in 2 Kings 7:1 3 men who had leprosy and who fled the city because it was under attack, but when they went out into the camp of the enemy, God had scared off the enemy and they left behind all their provisions 7:1 ¶ Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time [shall] a measure of fine flour [be sold] for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. 18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria: 19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, [if] the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

54 Psalms 50:14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

55 Feast of the Trumpets 64-0719 the Bride will not go through that time. The Bible says not. The church will, but not the Bride. Can't you see? Ministers, can't you see that, brethren? You say the Church has to go through the persecution for the perfection of it. The Blood of Jesus Christ perfects the Bride. A man who chooses a wife don't put her through a lot of punishment; he's already found grace with her; she's found grace with him. He engages to her. And if there's anything, he'll keep her from every place to turn her hand. His grace is so great upon them, and so will it be upon the Bride, and so is it on the Bride.