

CONDEMNATION OR CONFIDENCE?

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Psalm 65; 1 John 3

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1 John 3:19, 20 “By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.”

THREE CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION

ONE: “sin” this is not the point of this verse.

TWO: More subtle, being misunderstood

THREE: Inactive..., grown indifferent, too introspective

JOHN DEFINES LOVE SPECIFICALLY

1 John 3:16,17, “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers...”

I WANT TO SILENCE MY CONDEMNING HEART

ABIDE IN HIM

“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

(1 John 3:17)

Abiding is the key. To abide? is to be “In Christ...”

Romans 8:1, There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

THE LESSON OF THE EXODUS...

“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

Joshua 3:13

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you; and that we might receive what we ask, enable us by your Holy Spirit to ask only what accords with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*