

MARCH 19

“THERE’S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONVICTION AND CONDEMNATION.”

READ

Psalm 96:1-3, Romans 8:1

God’s not an angry, vengeful God. Oh, there will be a day when He will settle His accounts, His wrath will be revealed against the ungodly and unrighteous. But today is the day of salvation. Today’s the day we should be telling people to be reconciled to God. He’s a good God. He longs for a relationship with us. There is no sin God can’t forgive. The reason Jesus died on a cross was for hopeless sinners. All you must do is ask Jesus to forgive you and He will — and that goes for Christians, too. You see, the devil brings condemnation against us, even as believers, and we listen to it. There’s a difference between conviction and condemnation. The Holy Spirit brings conviction. He reminds us to be people of repentance; that we need to ask for forgiveness always and all the time. We don’t need to worry about condemnation. God was fully satisfied by what Jesus did on the cross. The blood of Jesus makes us not better, but perfect. It cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

PRAY

Lord, teach me to hear the difference between conviction and condemnation. Let me grow and mature in You, as You convict me of what needs to change in my life. Thank You that, because I am in You, there is no condemnation.

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