

Grace or Guilt?

Romans 8:1-4

"I think God will forgive me, but I just can't forgive myself for what I did."

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

Justification is the judicial act of God whereby He declares righteous the believing sinner at the moment of salvation.

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Romans 3:21-25 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace.

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- we are cleansed from the defilement of sin (Isaiah 1:8)
- the debt of our sin is cancelled (Col 2:14)
- our sin is carried away (Leviticus 16 – the scape goat)
- therefore, there is now no condemnation.

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Romans 8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, ... (NLT)



How unhappy is he who cannot
forgive himself.

~ Publilius Syrus

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Our BELIEFS inform our EMOTIONS. Our *e-motions* put us *in-motion* and produce a BEHAVIOR.