

## Romans 8:1

***There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.***

Like you, I get e-mails with scripture and people telling me to forward it on to ten people. The e-mails say that if you love Jesus that you will send it and not stop the chain trying to battle Satan with these e-mails. Even on social media people will post some scripture or something that sounds real spiritual and tell you to share it or repost it, with words that would want to make you feel like you are not a real good Christian if you don't.

Do you know what I do with these e-mails when I get them? I do NOT forward them, but rather I delete them. Even the one's on social media, I will hide them so I don't even have to see them again.

*“So are you saying that you don't love Jesus by not forwarding these e-mails or by not sharing those posts, but even hiding scripture like that on social media?”*

Actually, I am saying that I do love Jesus by not forwarding them. You see, if I forward or share it, will others feel convicted or condemned if they do not forward it to others as well? Should I put that type of condemnation upon a person and use scripture to do it? I think the answer is in today's devotional verse.

† ***There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.***

The flesh wants to witness by e-mails or social media and use guilt to cause others to jump on board with what you are trying to do. But the Spirit never says anything in the bible about using guilt to share the gospel. Instead, it says:

† ***1 Thess 2:4 (NLT) For we speak as messengers who have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts.***

We are to speak the word of God and let our lives be a witness to others, not out of guilt e-mails or guilt postings on social media. I personally use social media as a tool to get God's word out. Sure I will post scripture once in a while, but that's it. I let God's word speak for itself, and if someone decides that they want to share it great, if not. I am not going to worry about it, because God clearly says:

† ***Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.***

I don't need to add guilt to God's word because *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus*

So share God's word, proclaim the gospel and do it in love, not guilt.

- † **1 Corinthians 13:13** *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*
- † **Psalm 51:2 (NLT2)** *Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.*
- † **Acts 15:28** *For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:*