#### What is Self-Condemnation?

So the Holy Spirit has laid this topic on my heart and would like to discuss this with you today. Let's dive into this topic and understand what it is to begin with and how the enemy uses this against us. So what is <u>Self-Condemnation</u>? Self-Condemnation is a tactic the enemy uses against us. It is used to make us think that we are unworthy and not forgiven for the actions of our past when we lived a life in sin. But that surely is not the case when you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and you Repent of your sins all is forgiven. So brothers and sisters don't dwindle on things that are forgiven and realize the dierence of conviction and condemnation. Conviction is for your benefit when we do wrong. It's simply the Holy Spirit making you aware that your actions were wrong and you need to repent. Self-Condemnation is the enemy using something from your past to condemn you into believing that you're not forgivable. So have faith that you are forgiven, don't let doubt have any access to work in your life. When you give into condemnation you allow doubt to enter therefore giving the enemy control to keep you bound who the Savior Lord Jesus Christ has set free. We are at war with principalities, our own fleshly desires, and the whole kingdom of darkness; these are just one of the many tactics they use. Father God through his word has made us aware of all the enemies tactics and how to defend ourselves from them. He even gives you a set of armour to protect yourselves. With all this being said lets go to scripture and apply the scripture to our lives and not fall to condemnation anymore. And realize what It means to be free. And the peace that is granted from being forgiven and resting assured that we are. First we will look at some examples of people going through self condemnation. I will be using the CEB translation as well for these scriptures. First example is Judas Iscariot after he betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ he repented and gave the 30 pieces of silver back but he ultimately gave into self-condemnation believing he was

not redeemable and took his own life.

#### Matthew 27:3-5

3. When Judas, who betrayed Jesus, saw that Jesus was condemned to die, he felt deep regret. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, and

4. said, "I did wrong because I betrayed an innocent man."But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem."

5. Judas threw the silver pieces into the temple and left. Then he went and hanged himself.

The next example is Isaiah condemning himself saying he was unworthy and unclean unfit for the task and role that he was being called to do. But he ended up having faith and was obedient becoming a powerful voice for our Lord.

#### Isaiah 6:5-8

5. I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!"

6. Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs.

7. He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

8. Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"I said, "I'm here; send me."

And our last example I am going to use Is the woman at the well. She expressed self-condemnation when she felt judged and rejected by society due to her past choices and actions. And Jesus showed her hope and forgiveness and freedom from her sins that condemn her.

#### John 4:7-26

7. A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink."

8. His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

9. The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

10. Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

11. The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water?

12. You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

13. Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,

14. but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

15. The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!"

16. Jesus said to her, "Go, get your husband, and come back here."

17. The woman replied, "I don't have a husband.""You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband," Jesus answered.

18. "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth."

**19.** The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

20. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem."

21. Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

22. You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews.

23. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way.

24. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

25. The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us."

26. Jesus said to her, "I Am-the one who speaks with you."

So those are just a few of the examples given in the Word of people dealing with self-condemnation. But the word gives us reassurance that when we accept JESUS CHRIST as our Lord and we repent of our past sins all is forgiven. When you accept him

you change your heart and life the old you dies and is reborn a new creation. And when you repent you acknowledge that you were in the wrong and turn away from sin. Let's see what scripture says to back this up. Starting with the acceptance of Lord Jesus Christ into your life.

# Romans 10:9-11

9. Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.10. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation.

11. The scripture says, All who have faith in him won't be put to shame

After you have done this you need to repent of your sins. Simply confessing that you have done wrong and acknowledge it. Confessions of sins are between you and God. Man can forgive with our hearts and words. But God grants you peace and true forgiveness through repentance. These are the steps to take to truly change your hearts and lives that Jesus Christ shed his blood for. So here is some more beautiful scripture to back this up as well.

### Act 3:19

19. Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away.

### Mark 1:15

15. saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

### Psalms 51:1-4

1. Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

2. Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!
3.Because I know my wrongdoings,my sin is always right in front of me.
4. I've sinned against you—you alone. I've committed evil in your sight. That's why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment.

### **Ephesians 1:7-8**

7. We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, 8. which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding.

Now you need to put your faith and believe that God will do for you as his word say's. And it says to not doubt and have faith. But to believe in the promise and the good news about his son. Have faith, and don't doubt. Some more scripture telling us to have faith and not doubt.

### James 1:6-8

6. Whoever asks shouldn't hesitate. They should ask in faith, without doubting. Whoever doubts is like the surf of the sea, tossed and turned by the wind.

7. People like that should never imagine that they will receive anything from the Lord.

8. They are double-minded, unstable in all their ways.

So don't doubt don't give them access or room to work in your life. We are at war with the kingdom of darkness . But GOD prepares us and gives us the tools to defend ourselves. And he has given us this knowledge to make us aware of their devices and schemes. Lets see what scripture says about this.

# Ephesians 4:27

27. Don't provide an opportunity for the devil.

#### Ephesians 6:10-17

10. Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. 11. Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil.

12. We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens.

13. Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand.

14. So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate,

15. and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. 16. Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.

# 2 Corinthians 2:11

11. This is so that we won't be taken advantage of by Satan, because we are well aware of his schemes.

Father God has been so gracious and he will reassure you that you will receive peace and understanding. And I want you to understand when Jesus sets you free you are free. It's in his word and he doesn't do anything halfway. Let see what it says.

# Philippians 4:7

7. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your

hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

#### John 8:36

36. Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you really will be free.

## **Galatians 5:1**

1. Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again.

We will all have to war no matter what, cause the kingdom of darkness wants us to fail just like they have. But you are covered and blessed and God loves us. I hope this helps you with understanding and learning to be aware of yet another enemy tactic. And how to prepare yourself and not give into the enemies tricks and schemes. That is all I have. God bless you and your endeavors. 4-13-25