now there is nothing that can condemn you in the sight of God. Nothing!"

That's not to say that our sin isn't monstrous, and that we need to of it immediately. It's not to say that God isn't or angered by our sin. It's not even to say that He won't bring, if need be, discipline and into our lives to help train us to deal with our sin. It's simply to say that right now, the courtroom doors have been forever closed to us. We'll never be indicted, never be summoned to appear before God the Judge for sentencing.

C #3: No condemnation is: ______. In Romans 7:14-24, Paul describes a continual and irreconcilable raging in his heart.

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (Romans 7:15, 19)

"So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?" (Romans 7:21-24)

Paul is describing himself and his own Christian here. He loves God's Law. He says he delights in it in his inner being. He wants to do right, yet no sooner does he resolve to serve God than he finds his resolution , undermined, and assaulted.

Despite our strongest resolution, suddenly, quickly, immediately sin seems to roar to life and competing motivations hold us in to wicked patterns and .

"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:25)

Only Jesus can _____ us from sin. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves. That's where Paul's _____ rests. And that's where ours must rest too.

And yet, for all his in Jesus in the first part of verse 25, the fact of the spiritual warfare raging within himself still _____. And so, he concludes in the second half of the verse;

"So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind but with my flesh I serve the law of sin." (Romans 7:25b)

Chapter 7 concludes with this inner conflict raging on, and this between spirit and flesh, the law of God and the law of sin.

Paul is reminding us that no condemnation is with conflict over sin in the believing heart.

When the strength of the principle of that resists the forces of sin in our heart seem greatly weakened, we too can feel .

Inner conflict and awakened conscience, to the sinfulness of sin, recoiling at our rebellion, grieving over battles lost-are not only a

part of the Christian life, but are consistent with God's verdict in Christ that we are not condemned, nor are we

"The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit and the desires of the Spirit against the flesh." (Galatians 5:17)

There's a principle of sin that remains within us waging war with the principle of grace until the work of is complete and we go to be with the Lord.

If we're alive in Christ, if the Spirit of Jesus Christ dwells in us, if God has pronounced His verdict over us, "no condemnation," there will always be a to the death with sin in our heart.

Before we were believers, when sin ruled us, and we stood condemned under God, there was no _____. Sin had total ______ and there was no conflict.

Now our living conscience informed by God's Word and Spirit, at sin within us.

Be that there's a war raging in your soul. The forces of God have marched into your life to establish there the of Jesus Christ.

Are you willing to remain in the fight?

Don't let the inner conflict that we all experience lead you to doubt what God has declared over you:

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."