

Two Agents of change

Romans 8:1-6

One of the biggest weights the enemy can lay on you is condemnation about sin.

What is Condemnation? It's an **awareness** of doing something wrong. It's being conscious of your wrong doing or another's wrong doing. When we become aware of doing something wrong we feel bad about ourselves or the situation. Condemnation is not the feel is the awareness.

Condemnation weighs heavy on our souls. Being aware or conscious of sin actually weighs heavy on us. If we make someone else aware of their sin it leaves them feeling down or depressed; even heavy. People hate hanging around negative people, or people that point out to them their faults. People don't even want to hang around people who notice their faults. People that react to your faults. **Our role as Christians is not to make people aware of their sin**, that's the job of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is here to convict the world of sin. We are here to point the world towards Jesus Christ, the answer to that conviction. We work in partnership with the Holy Spirit to bring people to the life of Christ.

How do we do that? How do we point people to the life of Jesus Christ? **Our role is to make people aware of the good things God has done in us through Jesus Christ or in us at church meetings or in us in worship.** Telling people about the good things in your world. E.g. Someone says how was your weekend, your day, your week. You can respond in a number of ways.

Take a place of faith in God.

If you want to point people to Jesus Christ respond in a positive way to your life.

People are ultimately drawn to good things; positive things. They want those things in their lives.

We need to become raving fans of the good things of God through Jesus Christ.

How can we be raving fans of our church?

What do you like about the church?

As scripture says it is the goodness of God which leads a man to repentance. People will change their actions and come to Christ because of the good things of God. Have you lead anyone to Christ? It was probably because of the good things you shared that God was doing in your world. Some people call this a testimony. How's your testimony?

The reason people are attracted to the life you lead is because it is so different to the life the world paints. We share what we are in Jesus Christ. Not what the world tries to tell us about our world. The world paints a picture of things not working out. The world paints a picture of what you don't have. The world says you promise is delayed. The world says you don't have enough. The world says it is not working out and you need to break up with that person. The world is constantly painting a picture that the time isn't right. The world says you have to do this or that? But God says differently.

He did not come to condemn the world into action. He came to seek and save the lost. Luke 19:10 He came to be saving people. He came to make us grace conscious. Freedom conscious. Life conscious. Favour conscious.

We already are free. We are already chosen. We are already forgiven. Jesus made us that way.

Two change agents in the world

Sin which leads to condemnation death, rejection, lies, failure, unfulfilment

Grace or favour which leads to life acceptance, hope peace, truth, success, satisfaction,

These two change agents are opposed to each other. Every one of us has to be transformed or conformed to one of these agents.

Transformation or conformation comes or begins when we become aware of something.

Romans 12.2 'renewing of your mind = Renewing the way you think;
Changing the way you think and respond to life.

If your natural response is to complain, mis-judge, get angry – CHANGE your thinking.

This change starts with a realization. When we become aware its like the lights turn on. Its like we realise something. We become aware of it. We can then live by what we know or have become aware of. We adjust our lives according to the awareness we have of something.

If we are more aware or alive to something we live by that principle. If we are aware of something we get changed by that awareness.

The most powerful revelation for Christian.

2 Corinthians 5:21 He became sin who knew no sin that we might become the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ.

Say this 'I am the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ.'

Romans 8.6

Two agents – two awarenesses, two consciousness'. So if we are more aware of sin, its power over our lives, its power over someone else's lives, its effect on the world, then the change agent we apply to our world and the world of those we come in contact with is sin which leads to death. So if we are sin minded, we cause others to be sin minded (Carnally minded).

The church has for far too long focused on the sins of the world and trying to change the world by using the change agent of sin.

If we become more aware of grace or favour then we choose to apply to our world and the world of those we come in contact with the change agent of grace. Grace saves. Grace gives. Grace makes room for someone or something.

Your personal witness:

When we are more conscious of our own personal sin or the sin of others our ability to bring someone to Christ dramatically diminishes. We are unable to point them to Christ and the HOPE of salvation because we cant get our eyes off the sin.

When we become more aware of what Christ has done in us and through us our ability to witness increases because we can share the HOPE.

We speak positive. We say things like, 'but God', 'nothing is impossible to God', 'It will be fine'. 'it is okay'.

All things work together for good. Romans 8:28