

Title: Drawn by love
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Jeremiah 31:3 “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you...”

John 3:16 & 17 (NKJV)

For God so **loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but that the world through Him might be **saved**.

Perfect love

1 John 4:18 (NLT)

There is no fear in love, because **perfect love** expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for **fear of punishment**, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

Condemnation

The devil is the accuser. He is an expert in condemning us, always pointing out our faults and shortcomings. Even when we do things right, the accuser will say “it’s not good enough”.

How do you identify condemnation?

- You feel **disconnected from God**
- You are **self-focused** and not Jesus focused
- The **fruit** could be depression, fear, guilt, shame, anxiety, even sickness

1 John 3:20&21 (AMP)

Whenever our hearts in [*tormenting*] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us, He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [*nothing is hidden from Him*]. And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [*if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us*], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God...

Condemnation can keep us from receiving God’s love.

- Condemnation takes us from relationship to religion, where we feel we have to perform ALL the time to be accepted.
- Experiencing God’s love gives us boldness and takes us from religion to relationship where we can come to Jesus just as we are.

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 4:15&16 (NKJV)

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathise with our weaknesses... Let us therefore **come boldly** to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 John 4:19 (NKJV) 19 We love Him, because He first loved us. (it is not found in ourselves or our best efforts)

Ezekiel 36:30 (NKJV)

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.