



QA: How Can a Christian Condemn Others? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: How can any Christian condemn others?

ANSWER: Even the thief on the cross understood he had been “justly” condemned (Luke 23:40-41). Jesus pointed out there will be world-wide condemnation for sins:

“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”
(**John 3:19**)

There is only one way to escape that condemnation:

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.
(**Romans 8:1**)

Christians must judge with the Bible’s difference between good and evil:

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
(**Hebrews 5: 14**)

Who Can Cast A Stone? When the “scribes and Pharisees” brought to Jesus “a woman caught in adultery,” Jesus said,

He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.
(**John 8:3-7**)

Many mistakenly believe that Jesus condemned all judging of sinful behavior. They were under Moses' Law, which commanded that both the adulterer and the adulteress should be put to death (**Leviticus 20:10**). Since they had brought only the woman, they had violated God's Law as she had. They were, therefore, in no position to condemn her adultery for they had wrongly dealt with it. Jesus' statement convicted their conscience, for they “went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last” (**John 8:9**). He told her to “sin no more” (**John 8:11**). It is not wrong to reveal sin with Scripture!

Judge Not At All? “Judge not, that you be not judged” (**Matthew 7:1**). Was Jesus condemning any and all criticism of behavior? If so, He contradicted His later statement:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits." (**Matthew 7:15-16**)

But Jesus Christ did not contradict Himself. Judgment is a double-edged blade, it cuts both ways. Jesus continued:

"For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." (**Matthew 7:2**)

Christians know that God's Word is the standard of Judgment, and they try to obey it. Hypocrites are those who use Scripture to condemn Christians but make no effort to do what sinners are commanded:

"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (**Acts 2:38**)

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