

THE LAW OF OUR NEW BEING

Galatians 3:21-28, Romans 8:1-12

²¹ Is the Law then contrary *and* opposed to the promises of God? Of course not! For if a Law had been given which could confer [spiritual] life, then righteousness *and* right standing with God would certainly have come by Law.

²² But the Scriptures [picture all mankind as sinners] shut up *and* imprisoned by sin, so that [the inheritance, blessing] which was promised through faith in Jesus Christ (the Messiah) might be given (released, delivered, and

committed) to [all] those who believe [who adhere to and trust in and rely on Him]. ²³ Now before the faith came, we were perpetually guarded under the

Law, kept in custody in preparation for the faith that was destined to be revealed (unveiled, disclosed), ²⁴ So that the Law served [to us Jews] as our

trainer [our guardian, our guide to Christ, to lead us] until Christ [came], that we might be justified (declared righteous, put in right standing with God)

by *and* through faith. ²⁵ But now that the faith has come, we are no longer under a trainer (the guardian of our childhood). ²⁶ For in Christ Jesus you are all

sons of God through faith. ²⁷ For as many [of you] as were baptized into Christ [into a spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah] have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ. ²⁸ There is [now no

distinction] neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:21-28 AMPC**

- Right standing with God could not be achieved by the Law. The Law ‘kept’ people aware of God and of His holiness...the Law ‘kept’ the people of God but the people could not and did not keep the Law.
- We are no longer ‘under the Law,’ Jesus has taken care of that and we who believe are sons and daughters of God with no distinctions. **(v28)**

¹Therefore, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, *who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.* ²For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death. **Romans 8:1-2 AMPC**

- There is **NOW** no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, those who live and walk in the ways of the Spirit.
 - No condemnation...**Moffatt** says “No doom.”
 - No one to find you guilty.
- Condemnation – It is the exact opposite of justification – to be declared righteous...just as if you had never sinned...

³⁰ And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being]. ³¹ What then shall we say to [all] this? If God is for us, who [can be] against us? [Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?] ³² He who did not withhold *or* spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely *and* graciously give us all [other] things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect [when it is] God Who justifies [that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?] ³⁴ Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for us? **Romans 8:30-34 AMPC**

- We died in Jesus (see **Galatians 2:20**) and now we are living in Him and Him in us...who can find you guilty!

For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death. **Romans 8:2 AMPC**

- The Law of the Spirit of Life is the Law of our new being...
 - The Spirit’s Law in Christ Jesus. – **Weymouth**
 - He has set us free from the Law of sin and death.
 - The Law is the operative power, the controlling principle of our new being.
 - Get this...The Law of the Spirit of Life, the operative power of the Spirit of Life, the controlling principle of the Law of sin and death.
 - How can we say that??

For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice]. **Romans 8:3 AMPC**

- God has done what the Law could not, it's power being weakened by the flesh, the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit. God condemned sin in the flesh. He subdued sin, He overcame sin, He deprived sin of its power. (**Romans 8:3**)

So that the righteous *and* just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live *and* move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit]. **Romans 8:4 AMPC**

- He conquered sin through the sacrifice of Jesus, condemning sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us.
 - So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us.
 - See **Ephesians 5:18** – filled/fully –

“Whose conduct, no longer the control of our lower nature, is directed by the Spirit.” – **NEB**

For those who are according to the flesh *and* are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on *and* pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit *and* are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on *and* seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit. **Romans 8:5 AMPC**

“Those who follow their earthly nature are earthly minded.” **NEB**

“But those who follow the Spirit find themselves doing things that please God.” **Taylor**

Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]. **Romans 8:6 AMPC**

“The interests of the flesh mean death, the interests of the Spirit mean life and peace.” **Moffatt**

“But to set the mind on the flesh brings death, whereas to set the mind on the Spirit brings life and peace.” **Norlie**

[That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God’s Law; indeed it cannot. **Romans 8:6 AMPC**

“For the interests of the flesh are hostile to God.” **Moffatt**

“The mind which is interested only in carnal things is enmity to God.” **Norlie**

“For the mind set on the flesh is hostile to God.” **NEB**

“This is so because the fleshly mind hates God.” **Beck**

“For the outlook of the lower nature is enmity with God.” **NEB**

“For it is not subject to the law of God, for it doth not submit itself to the law of God.” **Alford**

So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please *or* satisfy God, *or* be acceptable to Him. **Romans 8:8 AMPC**

- Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the [Holy] Spirit of God [really] dwells within you [directs and controls you]. But if anyone does not possess the [Holy] Spirit of Christ, he is none of His [he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God]. **Romans 8:9 AMPC**

“You, however, are not controlled by the flesh, but by the Spirit.” – **Ber**

“Since the Spirit of God lives within you.” **TCNT**

“If God’s Spirit has really taken passion of you.” **GSPD**

“If the Spirit of God has His home within you.” **WMS**

“Unless a man has the Spirit of Christ.” **TCNT**

“He does not belong to Christ.” **TCNT**

“He is not a Christian at all.” **Tay**

But if Christ lives in you, [then although] your [natural] body is dead by reason of sin *and* guilt, the spirit is alive because of [the] righteousness [that He imputes to you]. **Romans 8:10 AMPC**

“But if Christ is in you” **Mon**

“The body is dead because of sin; although your bodies must die because of sin.” **WMS**

“Though your bodily self is dead because of sin.” **Mon**

“Though the body is a dead thing owing to Adam’s sin.” **Moffatt**

“But the Spirit is life because of righteousness. Yet your spirit is life,

because of righteousness [which dwells within it]” **Con**

“Your spirit is full of life because of righteousness.” **Mon**

“Your spirits are now enjoying life because of right standing with God.” **WMS**

“Yet the Spirit is life itself because you have been justified.” **NEB**

And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He Who raised up Christ *Jesus* from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you. **Romans 8:11 AMPC**

“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, lives within you.” **TCNT**

“Has taken possession of you” **GSPD**

“He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies shall make alive [even] your death-doomed bodies.” **RHM**

“Shall endow with life also your dying bodies.” **Con**

“Will also make your dying bodily self life.” **Mon**

“By His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Because of his Spirit that dwells in you.” **ABUV**

So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh. **Romans 8:12 AMPC**

“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors bound not to the flesh, that we should live after the flesh [but to the Spirit].” **Con**

“So then, brothers, we owe nothing to our earthly nature, that we should live in obedience to it.” **TCNT**

“Through His Spirit that has taken possession of you.” **GSPD**

“By His indwelling Spirit in your lives.” **Mon**

“Well then, my brothers, we owe a duty – but it is not to the flesh!” **Moffatt**

“It follows, my friends, that our lower nature has no claim upon us; we are not obliged to live on that level.” **NEB**

The **New English Bible (NEB)** says we are not obliged to live at a non-spiritual level...the **Amplified Bible** tells us we are not at all obligated to live by a worldly pattern. In fact...we are supernaturally ‘unobligated’ to live that way...we have the operative power, the controlling principle of the Spirit of Life, the Law of our new being that has set us free!