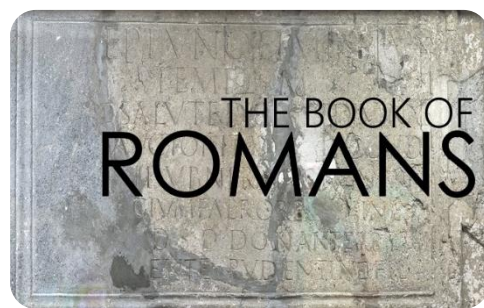


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To those who thought the 10 instructions of God given on Sinai in Arabia were a burden; the Lord said, I could have written 10,000, but they would have ignored them – Hosea 8; so, He permitted them: statutes that were not good, and ordinances by which they could not live – Ezekiel 20.



Paul speaks to **law** : in Greek: **nomos**; already used 43 times in this book of Romans; now 24 times in this chapter. Jesus said, **their Law**, burdensome, perplexing... yet the law was necessary. Jesus the good Pastor said, you have heard it said, but I say to you... pushing aside the odd teaching they heard, nearly as crazy as stuff we hear now days: little rules and regulations, perplexing manmade traditions... replacing God's clear word with their muddy imagination, while truths in the church have become more lost than the 10 lost tribes; more foreign than any stranger in our midst.

Paul says, there is a law that all mankind knows,

**<sup>1</sup> Do you not know brothers, for I speak to those who know the law how that the law has reign over man as long as he lives?** / to this point, Paul wrote about **faith** and **pistis**, more than 30 times; because Paul knows man looks on the surface; but God looks on the heart, and Paul knows... without faith we are powerless to please God.

In the next 3 verses, Paul is no legalist chiseling NEW rules for Mount Sinai; he gives **a spiritual analogy** to assist our understanding of the Law that has been in focus since chapter 2: Paul teaches those learning the ways of God; in this chapter, he writes about: **the one married to sin**; what this whole book of Romans is about. Paul is not throwing stones at anyone; so pay attention:

**<sup>2</sup> For the woman who has a husband, is bound by the law to her husband so long as he lives** / that one is legitimately married to **sin**, as long as sin lives; in other words: every hour, of every day of our very brief life here on earth, legally married to sin;

**but if the husband is dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband** / but if **sin** is dead; whomever is married to sin... is freed from this legitimate marriage to **sin**.

**<sup>3</sup> So then if, while her husband lives she becomes married to another man, she will be called an adulteress** / if while the marriage partner of **sin** lives; this legally married one decides to marry someone else; she will be judicially considered: faithless; in this case **it is good**:

**but if her husband is dead she is free from that law: of the husband** / but if the **sin** she is married to dies, she is liberated from the law: **married to sin**;

**so she is no adulterer if she is married to another man** / so that one is no longer faithless; or as Martin Luther suggested: foreshadowing his excommunication from slavery to all the roman hocus pocus; **freedom in Christ is not a bad thing.**

**4** Why was this said? my brothers, by the body of Christ, you also are dead to the law since you are married to Another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God / by the Messiah who died for us... to being married to sin, we are also dead to the law of sin; and produce love and joy and peace in the kingdom where God rules - John 15; this is what our Father in heaven is looking for; this is why we were created. It's Good News!

**5** For when we were in the flesh / in Greek: **sarx**, stuck in the flesh, the lowest, superficial part of every one; the paper-thin exterior of existence, what we see, what we eat, what we drink, what we touch, what we wear, all those shallow surface things that never get to the heart of the matter. Paul includes himself and if we are reading this, we are **in the flesh**, can't avoid it; though we can learn to change our focus!

when our minds were bound to the flesh, rather than bound to the spirit, the passions of sins that were aroused by the law, worked in our members, to bring forth deadly fruit / in Greek: **hamartia**, any and every wrongdoing any offence, any error, small and seemingly insignificant, or great and unquestionably egregious; mentioned 16 times in this chapter; working in our heart, mind, and soul, our being; produced deadly, joyless, careless, heartless, rotten, decaying fruit.

**6** But now we are released from the law, being dead to what held us that we could serve with a new spirit, and not with the tired old letter of the law / why we call Him Jesus the Messiah, He is our Deliverer; no other substitute, no other method: no government or religious hocus pocus which are pseudo-christs or antichrists are needed; without the Lord's help we would not be released; as Jesus said, God is spirit... and those who worship Him must worship... in spirit and in truth; the Father-Friendly God who is not angry, will not be worshiped in anyone's old, tired, worn out manmade traditions, nor by artificial rules and burdensome regulations.

**7** What will we then say? Is the law sin? Absolutely not! I had not known sin, except by the law: for I had not known strong desire except the law had said: you will not covet / the LAW is good, but it is also deadly; epithumia; good and bad. Not all our strong desires are evil, but not all strong desires help us live in the kingdom of God; an example of the 10 laws; 4 of the most powerful words that intrude our little zone of pampering desires. How would we know that what is uncommon in eternity... is so common here on earth... unless it was spelled out?

**8** But sin, taking occasion by the commandment: you will not covet, worked in me all kinds of strong desire for without the law, sin was dead

**9** For once I was alive without the law but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died / Jesus said, a new commandment... I give you; that you love one another... Paul says, I was free, free, free...to do whatever I wanted to do; whatever I thought to do, and did it; but without the ability to put the brakes on coveting and every wrongdoing, there was no sign of life in me: I was living but dead,

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<sup>10</sup>and the commandment which was ordained to life, **I** found to be **deadly** / this good commandment: to love God all our being: spirit, soul, mind and strength; and, to love one another securing their good, instead of looking out for Mr. Numero Uno: Paul says that simple assignment wasn't working, he was tripping up and dying.

<sup>11</sup>For **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.

<sup>12</sup>Why was this said?

The law is holy, and the commandment is holy, right and good / nothing is wrong with the law not to covet; or even the command to love one another; it's all good, but it's also deadly inflexible.

<sup>13</sup>So, was that which is good, what caused **death** for me?

**Absolutely not!**

But **sin**, when it is shown as **sin**, worked **death** in me through what is good; that **sin** through the commandment would become very **sinful** / the accumulation of all my hideous guilt generated by my love of freedom, it was deadly to me; my massive violations of what is right and good, is evidence of the power of the deceiver to steal, kill and destroy; though it emphasizes the power of our Father in heaven who gave the greatest He had, to pay in full what we could never pay.

Remember Paul asks again that challenging question; and like any good teacher, he gives the answer.

## What will we then say?

<sup>14</sup>For we know that the law is spiritual / regarding the law, Paul writes about where the Spirit comes to reside in hearts and minds; the law has little to do with things and stuff; Man measures by outward appearances; God looks on the heart, where love and joy and peace find a welcomed home:

This is what we will say!

Paul being such a good teacher... and inspired by the Holy Spirit... he speaks a profound truth as he drives home a simple message: On this matter... Paul says: **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!**

For we know that the law is spiritual but **I** am carnal, sold under **sin** / Paul does not say: **I was carnal... but now, I am holier than you!** He knows something went terribly wrong with the first Adam... who was supposed to be created in the image and likeness of God; something only the second Adam could resolve. Paul, the chief architect of the New Testament church that Jesus is building, founded on **Jesus Christ** alone... he is among the first to sing of God's amazing grace.

Paul says...

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This is what I will say!

but **I** am carnal... sold under **sin** / sounding just like the scrawny kid in class, quick to raise his hand the highest; almost jumping out of his seat, anxious to shout: **I know the answer!**

<sup>15</sup> For what **I** do, **I** approve not: for what **I** would, that **I** do not; but what **I** hate, that **I** do.

<sup>16</sup> If then **I** do what **I** would not do / if I act against my wishes and desires,

**I consent to the law that it is good.**

<sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer **I** who does it,

but **sin** that dwells in me / in verse 2 Paul spoke of the one similar to: **no longer married to sin**; actually... **faithless** to that first husband -- and don't miss the point: Paul says, **THAT... is NOT a bad thing!** being dead to the law of sin; but now, married to **Another**.

<sup>18</sup> For **I** know in me -- that in my flesh / after spirit, mind, soul, is the flesh, the least important part of an individual. In healthy order: the body serves the soul, the soul serves the mind, the mind serves the spirit; **and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth**. The flesh of the body, the thin veneer of life, is much like wrapping paper, which is soon tossed in the trash. Paul is willing to suffer ridicule and shame as he exposes his soul... his utter failure... as he reveals in truth to a hypocritical world what is common to all mankind, yet dishonestly concealed.

For **I** know that in my insatiable flesh, dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me / to wish and to want is my resolve; **but how to perform what is good, I do not discover.**

<sup>19</sup> For the good that **I** would do, **I** do not do:

but the bad, that **I** do not wish, that **I** do.

<sup>20</sup> Now if **I** do what **I** do not wish, then it is no longer **I** who does it, but **sin** that dwells in me. / if I am faithless to sin; seeking a divorce

<sup>21</sup> **I** discover then a law, that when **I** would do good, bad is present with me / even what is useless, not beneficial and vile.

<sup>22</sup> For **I** delight in the law of God after the inward man:

<sup>23</sup> but **I** see another law in my members, warring **against** **the law of my mind** and bringing me into captivity to the law of **sin** which is in my members / I see a deadly, cancerous law... of sin and endless wrongdoing, stepping over the line; missing the mark. Dr. Dallas Willard USC philosopher said, Jesus is the world's greatest thinker, we need to regularly refresh our thoughts... with His images and words and patterns of thought that He shared with His students... as we are daily assaulted with an endless torrent of advertisements, icons and ideas, generated by a loveless, greedy, and often evil world seeking to replace God's clear word, in my heart, mind, and soul, in my warring self... attempting to enslave me.

<sup>24</sup> **O wretched man that I am! who will set me free from this dying body?** But Paul does not end these words in despair; over this war in the inner man... which will continue until the day, over there when... we awake in His likeness; Paul raises the banner high...

This is what I will say!

<sup>25</sup> **I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Paul reminds us: The Victory is already won! Don't quit; keep going!

**So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.**

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**The book of Romans** was written to the early church in Rome: keep in mind the people met in homes where they were taught. Paul-- Inspired by the Spirit wrote this book, so it is just what the Lord knew those in Rome needed to know. In its Chapters we learn no hocus pocus is needed to ascend to heaven, or descend to the pit to bring up Christ. The word is near us, even in our mouth; **if you confess Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.**

Paul, like the disciple John -- say nothing about the bread and wine; as if it is not a high priority. To the romans, Paul says nothing about communion; he mentioned neither transubstantiation, or consubstantiation. He did not refer to prayer beads, nor make a remark about wearing special robes, collars, mitres or skullcaps. He said nothing about lighting candles. No mention of Mary. No reference of some mother of God. Definitely No queen of heaven -- **Prophet Jeremiah in chapters 44** took care of that demonic worship 500 years earlier. Paul had no papal bull crap to be concerned with: though he does thank God through Jesus Christ for all the faithful ones during that time in Rome.

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**So what happened?** Did some mutton head, not led by the Spirit, not called up to the 3rd heaven, infiltrate the people of God with their evil that Paul never thought to tell Rome? **YES**. Many wolves in sheep's clothing came after Paul; disrupters inserting confusion: Let them be accursed; let them be as vessels worthy of the wrath of God, who sacrifice offerings to demons. [Come out of her My people](#).

If you attend an assembly prone to go beyond what Paul and the Twelve first told us, then [come out of her my people](#). Follow Jesus! Don't get in front of His agenda. Remember 3 days still are on the Lord's calendar. [3 Days are still on His Calendar](#)

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