

Romans 7:1-8:17

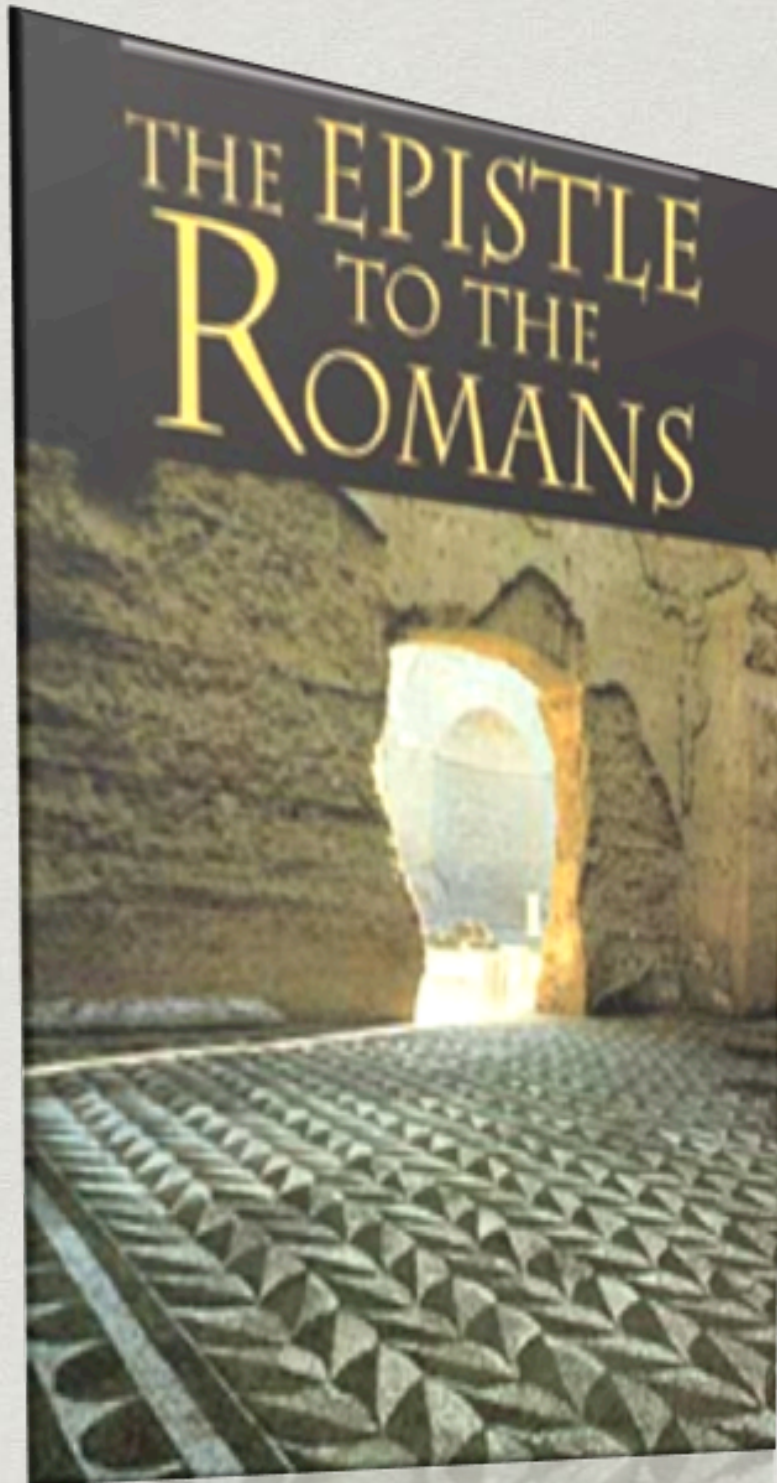
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THE GOSPEL OF
CHRIST DELIVERS
FROM THE CURSE OF
THE LAW

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- * The theme established — (1:1-17)
- * The universal need for grace — (1:18-3:20)
- * Justification is by pardon in Christ, (*grace*), & not by the meritorious requirement of a law system, (*works*) — (3:21 - 4:25)
- * The gospel of grace proclaims justification & hope based on Christ's death — (5:1-25)
- * The gospel of grace delivers us from the bondage of sin, requiring holiness — (6:1-23)
- * The hopeless condition of one under the Law outside of Christ, (*no grace*) — (7:1-25)
- * The gospel of grace delivers us from the condemnation of sin — (8:1-39)

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Making Excuses for Sin



- * "I'm only human."
- * "I was born this way."
- * "We are still in the flesh."
- * "We live in a wicked world."
- * "Only Jesus was perfect."
- * "Everybody sins daily."
- * "We can't keep God's commandments; they were given to show that we can't keep them."

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- * The law has dominion over a man as long as he lives – 7:1
- * The illustration of a husband and wife being bound to one another for life – 7:2,3; Mat. 19:1-9; 1 Cor. 7:4,27,39
- * Christians are dead to the Law through Christ that they may be married to God – 7:4

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- * The fruit of being under the Law is death – 7:5; Gal. 3:10-12; James 1:10,11
- * Having been delivered from the Law, we can now serve God in newness of the Spirit – 7:6; 6:4; 2 Cor. 3:6-9; 5:17-19

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Sins Advantage In The Law - 7:7-12

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- * The Law is not sin – but it identifies sin and makes it known – 7:7; 3:19,20
- * Sin uses the Law to destroy those under it – 7:8-11
- * The Law is holy, just and good – it is sin that is bad – and the one under the Law who sins is unholy & unjust – 7:12; Gal. 3:10

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Hopelessness Under Law - 7:13-24

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- * Two points of view among commentators:
 - * 1) *Paul's experience as a mature Christian, the best experience a Christian can hope for in this life.*
 - * 2) *Paul is referring to any person under the Law and not in Christ who recognizes his wretched position -condemned by the Law and without hope.*

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"In himself, that is, in his fleshly being, a Christian is no more holy or sinless than he was before salvation"
(The MacArthur New Testament Commentary Romans 1-8, Moody Press, Chicago, 1991, p. 383).

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- * Paul is using a figure of speech in which a writer will change tense for dramatic effect. (cf. 1 Tim. 1:15)
- * Hyperbole in order to impress on the reader the hopelessness of a man under the Law outside of Christ.

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- * The Law is good – sin is bad & magnified by the Law as being exceedingly sinful – 7:13
- * The Law is spiritual – It is from God, & is addressed to the spirit of man – 7:14a;
- * The man guilty of sin under the Law finds himself in the grasp of sin with no way out – 7:14b; Gal. 3:10-12; Heb. 10:1-4

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- * The Law impresses guilt upon the conscience & there is no strength or ability within the Law to cleanse the conscience - Guilt increases sin - 7:15; Heb 9:9, 14; 10:4, 22
- * This man knows that the Law is good because he recognizes his actions are sinful - 7:16
- * His relationship with sin is unbreakable - 7:17-24

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Man CANNOT save
Himself from sin outside
of Christ

God provides
deliverance through
Christ.

Summarizing the conflict
that exist in the man
under the Law after
finding himself guilty of
violating it.

Romans 7:24-25 (NKJV)

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- * Those under the Law CANNOT make their wrongs right – Gal. 3:10; Heb 10:1-4
- * The Law demanded justice with no provision, in and of itself, for pardon! 7:23-25; ^ ^
- * Not two masters at the same time – Mat. 6:24; Gal. 5:16
- * Not the body sinning and the mind, (*spirit*), not sinning – 6:13,19; 8:1-8; 12:1,2

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- * Dead! – 7:8-11
- * Carnal, sold under sin! – 7:14
- * Guilt - he knows that he is NOT doing what the Law teaches & requires! - 7:15-22
- * Indwelling of sin! - 7:17,20
- * Cannot find how to do what is good – cannot undo or break free from sin! - 7:15,18
- * Bondage, captivity! - 7:14,24
- * Wretched & Miserable! - 7:23-25

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- * Romans 7:14-25 is an inspired depiction of a man who is confused, frustrated and helpless to justify himself, once having sinned against God's law, and not having accepted the grace of God that is in Jesus Christ!
- * Is this you?? – You can be delivered!!! – Rom 6:1-3; 8:1,2

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Romans 8:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ *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. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

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³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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- * The grace of God is wonderful -it has provided the means of forgiveness for sin in the person and sacrifice of Jesus Christ! – Eph. 2:1-10; Acts 2:38
- * The Grace of God is powerful, in delivering the child of God from the bondage of sin and it has abiding results - Titus 2:11-14; Romans 6; 8; 12:1,2

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Romans 5:1-10 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:1-10 (NKJV)

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

Romans 5:1-10 (NKJV)

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Participating in God's grace is not embracing the notion that we cannot help but live in sin, nor is it the notion that we cannot help but sin, it is not the notion that God has given us commands we cannot obey; participation in God's grace according to Paul is experiencing a transformed life that is not enslaved to the dominion of sin. God's grace does not leave us in the slavery of sin, but frees us from its hold in Jesus."what shall we say then, shall we continue in sin that grace may abound.God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?" The Scriptures do not teach that we are unable to obey God, they do teach however that we cannot justify ourselves before God since we have violated his law. Thank God for Jesus!

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