

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (*1 Cor. 1.18*).

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The Sin Nature Remains; However . . .

Paul wrote, "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do" (Rom 7.19). Followers of Jesus Christ will experience the warring in their lives. Satan knows his time is short, and the struggles are greater in these last days.

Paul stated it well when he wrote about his members warring against the law and how the law of sin was in him. This is something with which we will struggle as long as we live; for while the law is spiritual, we are carnal.

Romans 7.24 is much like Isaiah 6.5, following:

Woe *[is]* me! for I am undone; because I *[am]* a man of unclean lips, and I
dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the
King, the LORD of hosts.

The Apostle Paul, much like Isaiah, recognized his sinful nature and cried out,

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
(Rom 7.24)

He answered his question in the next verse.

I thank God **through Jesus Christ our Lord**. So then with the mind I myself
serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin (Rom 7.25).

Romans 8.1 describes those who have received forgiveness, surrendering their will and their lives to the nature of Christ. They no longer "...walk...after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

We have to acknowledge our sinfulness, repent daily, and walk on with the Lord – seeking to live a godly life in Him, seeking to do His will in our spirit, our mind, and our body: the total person in Christ Jesus.

When we come before the Lord, seeking to abide in Him (Jn 15.1-10; I Jn 2), and praying Colossians 1.27, Christ in us, the hope of glory, we will know the will of the Lord. Knowing the will of the Lord brings us to the necessity of living the will of God. We live the will of the Lord when we are in love with Him, seeking to

It is in knowing Jesus Christ and walking with Him that we will have His strength and power to go forth proclaiming to the world, to those in the world in which we live, where we live, that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven (Acts 4.12).

The world is waiting for someone to speak forth the TRUTH to them. They are weary of the world's ways and the worldly churches and those hiding behind a pulpit while standing on a pulpitum (stage) who speak for Satan. Satan wants to discourage you telling you that you are a big sinner, and you cannot go forth in the Name of Jesus Christ to witness for Him. You can, as you are covered by the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, Who died on the Cross of Calvary for your sins – and ours – IF you have surrendered Your life to Him to live for Him daily. Let us continue repenting (turning from our sins to walk with Jesus Christ), and GO FORTH IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST – for His glory.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

know Him more fully, walking in His love, joy, and peace – also, walking daily in His strength, His power, and His anointing.

We have no choice as a follower of Jesus Christ but to walk on in Him in spite of our frailty and sinfulness. We must strive to live according to His will daily, to do His will. It is written in the Bible that those who “endure unto the end” will be saved (Mt 24.13; Mk 13.13). Revelation 2.10 speaks of those who are faithful unto death. We must remain on the Highway of Holiness (Isa 35).

There is much about the law versus grace, but Paul makes it clear that the law is not abolished (Rom 7.12-14; 8.4). Jesus came not to do away with the law, but to fulfill it (Mt 5.17).

Many say that we are no longer under the law, but grace, believing that this does away with any warring within one’s spirit. They believe that whatever they do is okay and forgiven, that they can live in sin and just say, “Sorry!” We need to put into proper perspective the Word of the Lord. Paul wrote in Colossians 2.13, “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses”. However, let us consider the Apostle Paul’s words in Colossians, Chapter Three, as he instructs us in how to live for the Lord in verses 1a, 3, 5, 8-10a:

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above . . .

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new *[man]* . . .

Grace is applied to our heart through a work of the Holy Spirit, yet living out a godly life requires effort on our part as we “put off” the sinful nature and “put on” Christ’s nature. Even with the sinful nature we might refrain from committing adultery, for example, but the nature of Christ is **NOT** to have lust in our hearts (Mt 5.20-28).

Jesus came not to destroy the law but to fulfill the law. Paul wrote in Galatians 3.24 that “...the law was our schoolmaster *[to bring us]* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.” Read Galatians 3.22-27.

We are under grace. But, if under grace, we will understand what the Lord meant when he came **not** to destroy the law but to fulfill the law.

We are under the law in the sense of the call to obedience with our heart, mind, and soul. Because we are under grace, we will desire to live according to the law set before us. Some believe that it is no longer a responsibility or obligation for us to live according to the Decalogue, to walk in obedience to it. However, Jesus taught that not only is it sin to kill, for example, but “whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment...” (Mt 5.21, 22; I Jn 3.13-16).

The Christian life under grace, while including obedience to God’s commandments (Eze 11.19-20), requires obedience over and beyond the letter of the law (Mt 5.41; Lk 6.29) – obedience from a pure heart of love for Jesus Christ. We are called to obedience. It is the grace of Jesus Christ given to us that touches us to love the Lord with all our heart, mind, and soul, to walk in obedience to Him.

Romans 7.14 states that the law is spiritual; it is our guide in our lives daily to live a righteous life, and, yet, Isaiah 64.6 says that **OUR** righteousness is as filthy rags. Romans 3.10 says, “There is none righteous, no, not one.” Verse 12b says, “...there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” Read Romans Three. It will greatly enlighten you as to who you are not. Isaiah became aware of his sinfulness in Isaiah Six as he stood before the glory of the Lord.

“We know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin” (Rom 7.14). We are born in sin; we have a sinful nature out of the sin of Adam who chose to walk in disobedience to the Lord.

Abraham believed. Believe is to be persuaded with the whole being; it was to live what he believed in the Lord God Almighty. “For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness” (Rom 4.3). However, Abraham did **NOT** live a perfect life. None have lived a perfect life because we stand in need of salvation, being cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb of God.

There **IS** forgiveness (Psalm 103.11-14). Psalm 103.14 is like Romans 7.14.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, *[so]* great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, *[so]* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth *[his]* children, *[so]* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *[are]* dust.

To better understand this, read Romans Eight. Verses one through six address where we are today in the Word. Romans 12.1 and 2 are of great enlightenment regarding our walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *[which is]* your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *[is]* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We must come to know the person of Jesus Christ and live according to His Holy Word to **KNOW** His love, joy, and peace that we might walk in obedience and **LIVE** a life of love, joy and peace in the midst of tribulation and persecution.