

# Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome

## EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

### 8. Married to another



**Memory  
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**Romans 1:16-17**

**ESV:**


For **I am not ashamed of the gospel**,  
for it is the power of God for salvation  
to everyone who believes,  
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed  
from faith to faith, as it is written,  
*“The righteous shall live by faith.”*

**NKJV:**

For **I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ**,  
for it is the power of God to salvation  
for everyone who believes,  
for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed  
from faith to faith; as it is written,  
*“The just shall live by faith.”*



**Memory  
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**Romans 1:18-19**


**ESV:**

For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

**NKJV:**

For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.



**Memory  
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**Romans 2:1**

**ESV:**

**Therefore you have no excuse, O man,**  
every one of you who judges.  
For in passing judgment on another  
you condemn yourself,  
because you, the judge,  
practice the very same things.

**NKJV:**

**Therefore you are inexcusable, O man,**  
whoever you are who judge,  
for in whatever you judge another  
you condemn yourself;  
for you who judge  
practice the same things.



Memory  
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## Romans 3:21-24

**ESV:**

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction:

for **all have sinned and**

**fall short of the glory of God,**

and are justified by His grace as a gift,

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

**NKJV:**

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

For there is no difference;

for **all have sinned and**

**fall short of the glory of God,**

being justified freely by His grace

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...



**Memory  
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**Romans 4:7-8  
(Psalm 32:1-2)**

**ESV:**

**Blessed is the one whose  
transgression is forgiven,**  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom  
the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**NKJV:**

**Blessed is he whose  
transgression is forgiven,**  
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the LORD does not impute iniquity,  
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.



**Memory  
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**Romans 5:1-2**

**ESV:**

Therefore,  
since we have been **justified by faith**,  
**we have peace with God**  
**through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Through Him we have also obtained access  
by faith into this grace in which we stand,  
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**NKJV:**

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**through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

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**Memory  
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**Romans 6:23**

**ESV:**

The wages of sin is **death**,  
but the free gift of God is **eternal life**  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**NKJV:**

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# Romans 7

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## Romans 6...



Don't you know  
that all of us  
who have been baptised  
**into** Christ Jesus...



...were baptised  
**into** His death?  
We were buried with Him  
by baptism **into** death



...in order that just as Christ  
was raised from the dead...  
we too might  
**walk in newness of life.**

So you also must consider yourselves **dead to sin** and **alive to God** in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 6:11)

# Romans 6...

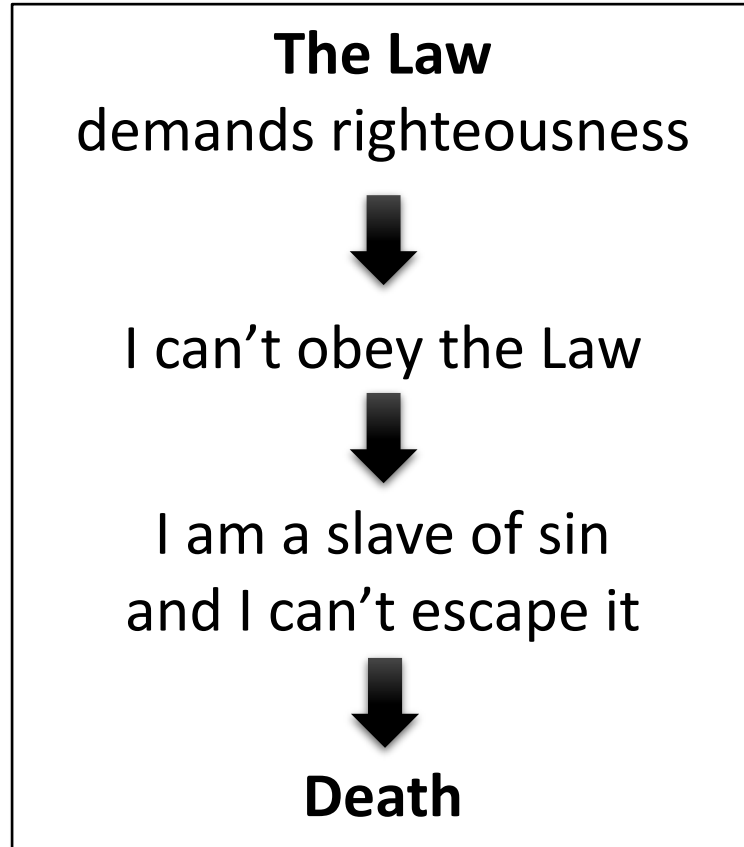
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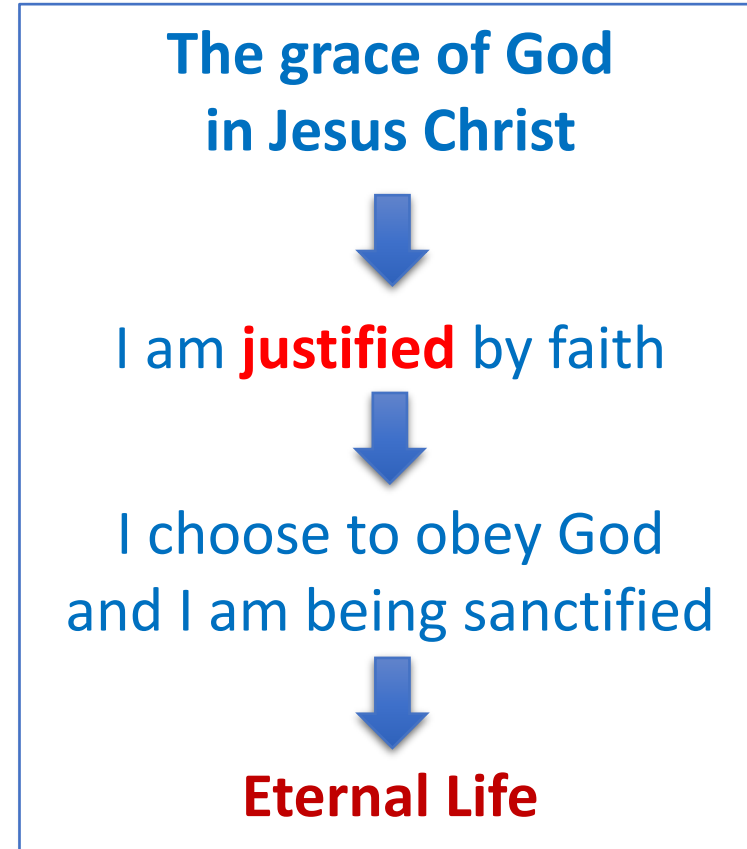
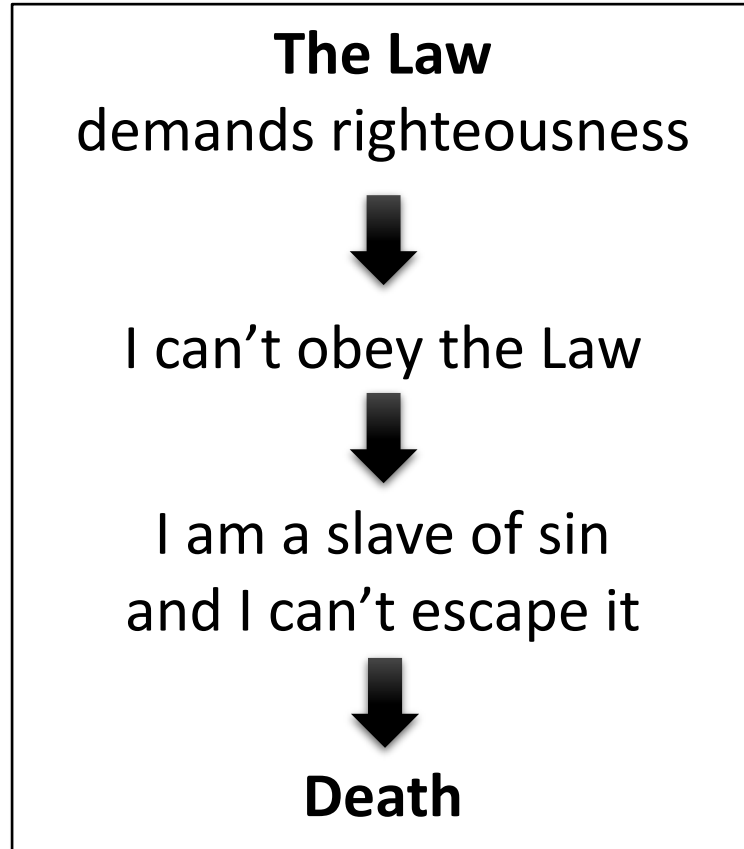
Therefore **do not let sin reign** in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.  
(Romans 6:12)

## Romans 6...



- The law give **no help** to fulfil its demands.
- The law **exposes** our sinfulness.
- The law **condemns** us.

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Or do you not know, brothers—  
for I am speaking to those who know the law—  
that the law is binding on a person **as long as he lives?**  
(Romans 7:1)

Rules over



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Paul now gives an illustration of this

For the married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives.

**But if the husband dies**, she is released from the law of marriage.

So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress;

**but if her husband dies, she is free from that law**, so that she is not an adulteress, though she has married another man.

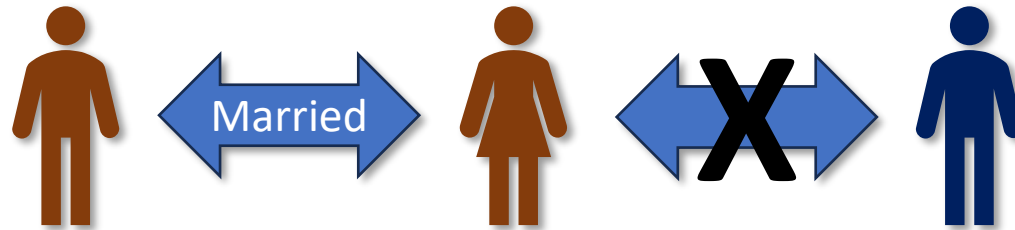


(Romans 7:2-3)

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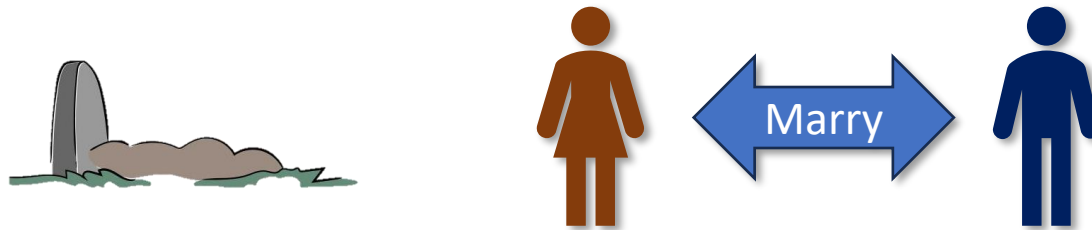


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(Romans 7:2)

Death ends the bond of marriage



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Likewise, my brothers,  
**you also have died to the law**  
**through the body of Christ,**  
**so that you may belong to another,**  
to Him who has been raised from the dead,  
in order that we may **bear fruit for God.**

We were buried with Him  
by baptism **into** death...

...in order that we might  
**walk in newness of life.**

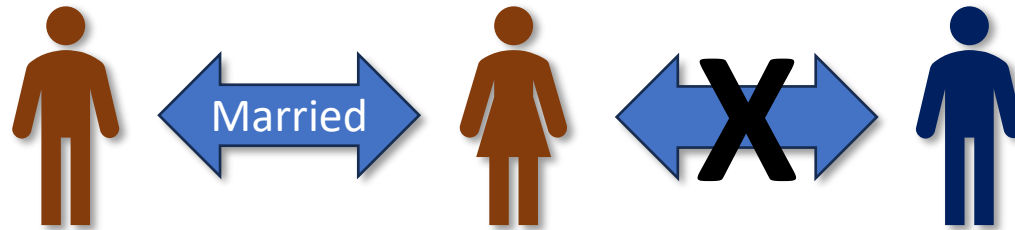
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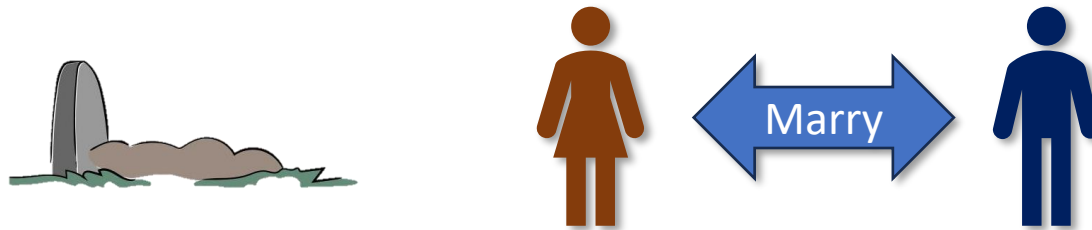


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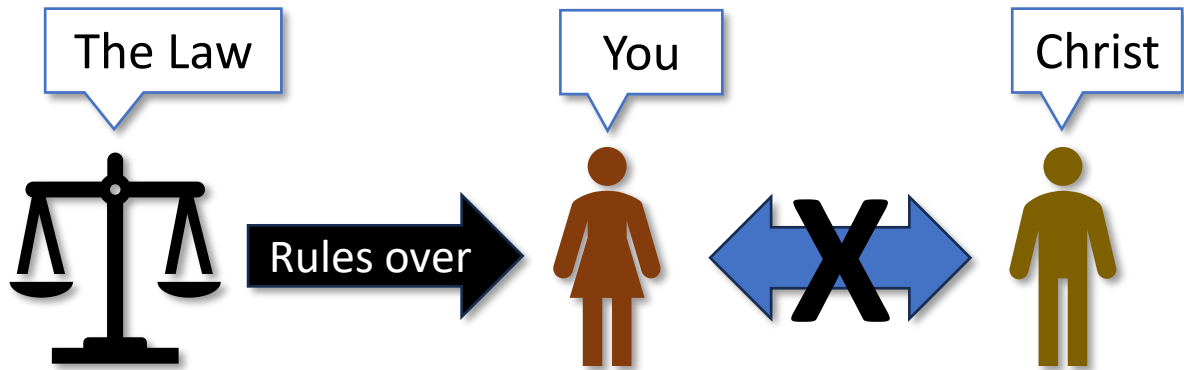
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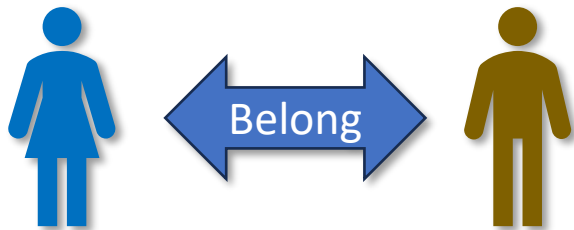
The Law rules over a person as long as he lives. (Romans 7:1)



Just as death ends the bond of marriage, our death ends the rule of the Law over us.

The Law did not die – you did **in Christ**.

You **died** in Christ and **rose again**



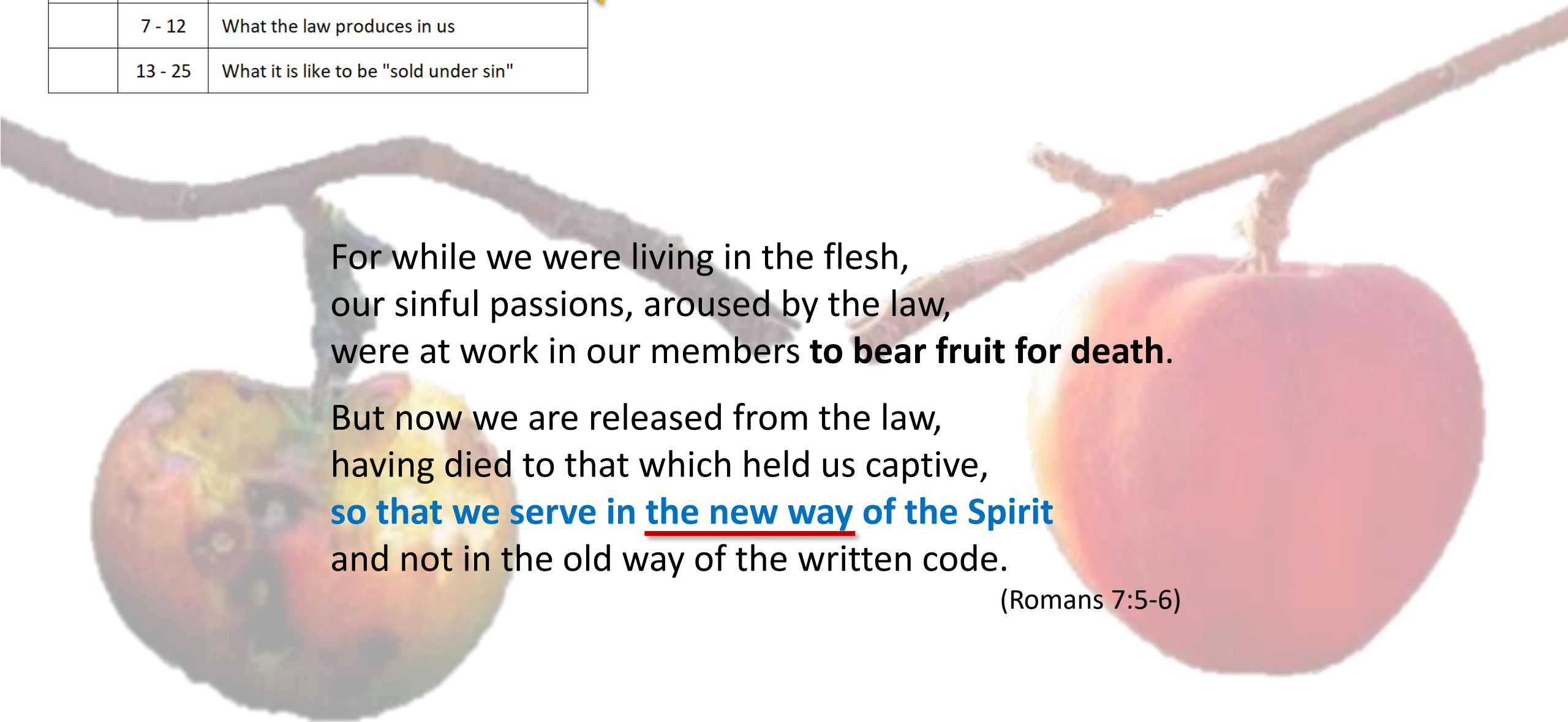
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For while we were living in the flesh,  
our sinful passions, aroused by the law,  
were at work in our members **to bear fruit for death.**

But now we are released from the law,  
having died to that which held us captive,  
**so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit**  
and not in the old way of the written code.

(Romans 7:5-6)



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For sin will have no dominion over you,  
since you are not **under law**  
but **under grace**.

(Romans 6:14)



...in order that we may **bear fruit for God**.

(Romans 7:4)



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Paul, if you are saying that I must die to the Law, then you are saying that the Law is sin!!!

What shall we say then?  
**Is the law sin?**

**By no means!**

If it had not been for the law,  
I would not have known sin.  
(Romans 7:7)

...by the law is the  
knowledge of sin.  
(Romans 3:20)



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If it had not been for the law,  
I would not have known sin.

For I would not have known what it is to covet  
if the law had not said, "***You shall not covet.***"

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And the commandment,  
which was to bring **life**,  
I found to bring **death**.

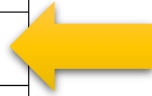
Because I could  
not keep it.

To desire or crave  
something that  
is not yours.

The 10<sup>th</sup>  
commandment

(See Romans 7:7-11)

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**So, the problem  
is not the law,  
it's me!**

So then, the law is **holy**,  
and the commandment is  
**holy, righteous, and good**.  
(Romans 7:12)

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Paul, are you saying that God's **goodness**, as seen in the Law, caused your death!?!

**Did that which is good, then, become death to me?**

**Absolutely not!**

But **sin**, so that it would be shown to be **sin**, produced death in me **through** what is good...

(Romans 7:13)

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It is from God and reflects His life

For we know that **the law is spiritual,**  
but **I am carnal, sold under sin.**

(Romans 7:14)

Of the flesh,  
a "natural man"

A slave to sin

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For I do not understand my own actions.

For **I do not do** what I want,  
but **I do** the very thing I hate.

Now if I do what I do not want,  
**I agree with the law, that it is good.**

So now it is no longer I who do it,  
but **sin that dwells within me.**

(Romans 7:15-17)

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For I know that **nothing good dwells in me**,  
that is, in my flesh.

For I have **the desire** to do what is right,  
**but not the ability** to carry it out.

(Romans 7:18)

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**SIN  
ENSLAVES**

**SIN  
DECEIVES**

So, I find the law  
that when I want to do good,  
**evil is present with me.**

(See Romans 7:21-23)

**SIN  
CORRUPTS**

**SIN  
INFECTS**

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Distressed,  
miserable

**Wretched man that I am!**

Who will rescue me from **this body of death?**

(Romans 7:24)

The power of sin  
in his mortal body.



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Who will rescue me from **this body of death**?

In summary..

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**.

(Romans 7:25)

Romans 8 will spell out the new way in Jesus Christ...



**Memory  
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**Romans 7:18**

**ESV:**

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For I have the desire to do what is right,  
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**NKJV:**

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh)  
nothing good dwells;

for to will is present with me,  
but how to perform what is good  
I do not find.

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