The Conflict between the Law and the Sinner

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15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, **I consent unto the law that it is good.**

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but **how to perform that which is good I find not.**

19 For the good that I would **I do not**: but the evil which I would not, **that I do.**

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me.**

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 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.**

24 **O wretched man that I am!** who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 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.

1. **Who is the Apostle addressing?**

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1. Those who are enlightened to the knowledge of the law.

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22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

1. Those who are unsaved and still under the law.

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* The Law reveals the true condition of the soul, undone.
* The Promise reveals the true condition of the saved.

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1. They approve the Law
2. Yet they serve sin – Law has not the power to deliver.
   1. (sin is a universal, incurable corruption)
   2. Redemption is a work of Grace.

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1. **The Necessary Conclusion.**
2. There is no deliverance by Law.

Acts 13:39 …ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Gal. 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ…

Gal. 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

1. Deliverance is in Christ.

Romans 7:25 **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.

1. There is no deliverance without the satisfying of the law which is a revelation of His Holiness.

Romans 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Romans 9:30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

1John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doethrighteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

1John 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him

Living and doing right is the proof that you have been bornagain

Eph 2:10 Titus 1:16

The Law that makes men free

No Condemnation now.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation **to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who **walk** not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit.**

A Greater law cancels a lesser law.

Under the law of sin all men are condemned

In Jesus Christ all true believers are free.

The law of the Spirit is a Higher Law

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

The weakness of the law of sin

Romans 7:10; 8:3-8

No wrong with the law, (7:10)–ord. to life, 12-Holy, just and good 14-spiritual

The weakness is in the flesh.