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Message: "The Law of Sin, Law of Mind, the Law of Sin and Death, the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus"

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The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the Law of Sin and of Death.

We're talking about spiritual laws that govern the rule of God in our lives. We have concluded that Romans 3:9-18 for example, is absolutely correct that "all are totally lost in sin and separated from God." In other words, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. All are sinners, totally unable to be accepted by God in our estate of sin and misery. We're all in the Totally Corrupt Club together and no one can save himself/herself. There is none good but God and no one is righteous, no not one. So how do we get back to the Father? How is anyone made acceptable to the Living God who is our Creator?

We've established that one is justified by faith. We saw that Jesus calls us to the God kind of faith in Mark 11, that we have what we say, that we are to believe that we have received and we will receive. We might fool people with outward rituals, but God knows our hearts.

Mark 11:22 Jesus said, "Have faith in/of God [the God kind of faith]. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'be taken up and cast in the sea' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be granted to him. Therefore, I say to you all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them and they shall be granted to you."

To do this, we must seek God, hear His command, attend to His word, and find out His plan determined in heaven. God is the source. We're not to have any doubt and no suspicion. What God says goes. So we seek God and find out His will and His command is to be our heart's desire.

Jesus ties this with forgiveness and having a well-placed trust and object of our faith. God's promises are like a down payment. The seal is already there. The word of God is as good as God. Therefore, we can expect God to fulfill His promises with a confident hope and that's why faith is the substance of things not seen. It's the substance because our confidence is a confident expectation in God. If it were someone else saying it, we wouldn't have such a confident expectation. But because it's God, because of who God is, we can have a confident expectation. So we need to receive what we believe. We are told in Hebrews 6:12 to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. This means that this is going to require endurance on our part and we have to be ready to receive what we believe.

Our mouth is very important. It's our confession of faith toward God or of unbelief away from God. You see, with our mouth we either confess our faith toward God or we're confessing unbelief away from God. So everything at the root of something, if you get down to the seed and root of something, it's either Belief or Unbelief. This is exactly what happened in the Garden. Adam turned away from God in unbelief and he believed other words. Basically he believed

other words, words out of someone else's mouth and so we see that the mouth is very important. When the mouth of God speaks, it is Truth. When our mouth speaks what God speaks, we have lined up our words with God's words and we are also speaking truthfully.

In 2nd Corinthians 4, Paul is saying in verse 13, **“but having the same Spirit of Faith, according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke.”** We also believe, therefore also we speak. Our language is going to reflect our belief system, especially if we talk long enough. People get away maybe with lying for a while but not for long. Then he goes on, **“knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.”**

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, so we must take care about our speech. We want to be in unity with the Godhead and in agreement. We always have with us as true believers the Holy Spirit. We come into agreement with the Lord. We have to have that same attitude that was in Mary, the mother of Jesus, when she said, **“May it be to me as you have said”** when the angel Gabriel came to her.

Since the heart, mind, and will of the Living God must prevail, our hearts, minds, and wills must yield and be subject to His greater authority. Then things run smoothly because then two are walking together in unity.

We've also established that justification is an act, a declaration of God, based on the merit of Jesus Christ but accounted to us by means of imputation. The righteousness of God is imputed to us by faith in Jesus Christ and when it is, the Holy Spirit imparts that righteousness to us in a process we call Sanctification. So we're going to start turning to the laws of the kingdom which bring life and all that is reserved in heaven for us.

We begin by remembering the principle of “Already and Not Yet”. You see, in heaven, it is already. We have, by declaration of God, justification and what is termed a Definitive Sanctification. It's already defined; it's definitive and it's ours and it's up there already in heaven. On earth, we may not feel justified and acquitted, but we are. We may not be holy, blameless, and without reproach, but we are becoming what God has declared us to be. We go our whole life and never truly become perfectly holy, perfectly blameless, and perfectly without reproach in this life, but God has declared it and so it will be. It's an Already and a Not Yet thing. We have found out that Jesus Christ is the source and federal head of a new humanity. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that **“Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature [creation]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”**

Now we don't have time to read all of Romans chapters 6, 7, and 8, but I encourage you to do so at your leisure. I'm just going to pick up a little bit in here, Romans 6:12-14, **“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body but that you should obey its lusts and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead and your members as instruments of righteousness for God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”**

Keep in mind that the Bible is focused on how to get back to the Father after Adam sinned and plunged humanity into the estate of sin and misery back in Genesis. It is the story of God as Creator and Redeemer, of God's creative and redemptive acts. Read carefully and you will see Jesus being glorified from beginning to end. Faith is what empowers us to obedience in the cause of Christ. All sin boils down to unbelief. Believe the Word. Let's go on.

Romans 7:23ff: **“but I see a different law in the members of my body waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched**

man that I am, who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So then on the one hand, I myself with my mind am serving the **law of God** but on the other, with my flesh, the **law of sin**. There is, therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the **law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus** has set you free from **the law of sin and of death**. For what the law could not do, weak as it was to the flesh, God did, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

Let's talk now some about the Law of Sin, Law of Mind, the Law of Sin and Death, and the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal truth. In Romans 6:1-4 Paul says, “**What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be! How shall we, who died to sin, live in it still? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, as Christ was raised from the dead, through the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**” Notice these tenses here. We “have been” baptized into Christ, baptized into His death. See, that's one of those Already deals. It's a done deal. We “have” been buried with Him. In a way, we're supposed to know certain things and reckon and yield to that belief. In Romans 6 you might want to underline “know,” “reckon,” and “yield” where you find those words. We are to believe this and we are to walk in that belief system.

We want to remind ourselves of some things right now. Some principles, that Source Determines Seed. Believe me, you're going to get apple seeds from apple trees and the source determines the seed. If you have an apple thing going, you're not going to get a peach.

When the source is God, and the source is the life of God, it's going to produce life from God. Form Follows Function. Potential is determined by purpose, the end for which the means exist or, what is our purpose? What is the chief end of man? It's to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. This is so we have a potential for glorifying God and for enjoying Him. Many people don't think about God being enjoyable, but believe me, He is. And, He has a sense of humor!

Also we see in the Bible “unless the seed dies...” So we are to die in Christ and we are to die with Christ in the soil of humility. As we do, we are raised to Life by the power of the Holy Spirit, who is the Life-Giver, the Life-Maker.

A principle that we learn operating in the Kingdom of God is that we must die in order to live; that we are to crucify the flesh. We find this out in Romans 8 as well. We are to mortify the flesh with its passions and lusts. One thing we can pray is, with Paul, “**I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ lives in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20**” We can start saying that as a statement of faith and as we do, God will make it so by the power of the Holy Spirit. It will start happening. It will come and we'll start seeing the physical manifestation of the Word of God in our lives. Why? Because true believers are being conformed to the image of Christ.

We also need to be willing to be crucified to the world as when Paul said he “**lived by the rule that he was crucified to the world and the world was crucified to him.**” We can make a statement of faith and ask the Holy Spirit to make it so when we say “**I am crucified to the world and the world is crucified to me.**” We find out here in Romans 6 that “**we are to die to sin and to the deeds of darkness.**” We're to have nothing more to do with them and we are to die to serving Satan. We're not to offer up the members of our body to unrighteousness. We're not to give our

mouths and our hands and our feet to the devil to serve Satan or to serve evil or to work darkness. Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of darkness. And so we look at the members of our body, I mean what is that? That's our hands, that's our eyes, our ears, our mouth, our feet, where we walk, everything. Whatever we're doing, we're not to serve Satan. We're to say "I renounce you Satan and I renounce all of your works and I will not serve you and I won't worship you and I will not bow down to you and I'm not going to hang out with you, I'm not going to fellowship with demons, and I'm not going to eat with demons as God grants me repentance and grace. So we're not going to sit down over supper and have a nice conversation." And so that's how you have to deal with the devil, you have to say "out of here in Jesus' name. I want nothing more to do with you. I won't eat with you, I won't drink with you, I'm not fellowshiping with you. I am not going to do it by the grace of the Almighty and the power of the Holy Spirit."

We make statements of faith out of our mouth. They flow from our hearts' desires. You know, when I first started doing this, the devil came, and I had all these thoughts in my head, "well aren't you the liar? Aren't you a liar for making a statement like that? -- **I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live. Yet not I, but Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.**" When I would start making statements like that, I would just hear these accusing voices saying, "Isn't that a lie? Look at you. Your flesh isn't crucified blah blah blah blah." That's not the point.

First we believe and then we see. Well I learned that if we start lining up our mouth with the word of the Living God and praying that the Holy Spirit will make it so, then it will happen. It will come. We will be moving in that direction towards life in Christ Jesus. I didn't look at how I was that day. I looked at what God said that I am in Christ, in His Word, and then I asked the Holy Spirit, "make that so." Remember, it's an already and not yet type of thing. So I say in faith before God, "I have the mind of Christ." Alright, I look at myself; do I have the mind of Christ? Well, not yet. But the scripture says we have the mind of Christ so if the tense is that you have it and then I ask God through the Holy Spirit, "make it so," I can pray that way and I can make statements of faith like that because I am lining my words up with the word of the Living God in faith, believing, and then I have to be willing to receive. I mean if I'm going to say "**I am crucified in the flesh with its passions and lusts**" then I have to be ready that the Holy Spirit is going to move in my life and He's going to start doing that work in my life according to the request of my prayer. We have to be ready for that.

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the Law of Sin and Death. In Christ we are no longer under the penalty of the Mosaic Law but under grace, living in the estate of grace in Christ Jesus. The wages of sin is death and with every sin there's a little death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. Jesus paid the penalty for sin and offers forgiveness to those who repent and turn and put their faith in Him. God doesn't change, so all change is on our part. We receive forgiveness based on the promise of God's Word. We receive salvation, eternal life in Christ, by grace through faith. It's a gift. Do I want it? Yes. Do you?

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