

Message: I Thank God! Jesus Sets Me Free!

Text: Romans 7:22-8:4

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1. GIVE UP ON TRYING TO SAVE YOURSELF!

Romans 7:22-25 *For I delight in the **law of God** according to 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 will deliver me from this body of death?***

Sin = Whatever displeases God. Sin hurts God, others, or you.
Law = A requirement that I do something for God. That which expresses the will of God. It makes our weakness manifest!
Grace = God does something for me.

Romans 7: 1-4 *Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? ² For the woman who has a husband 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 her husband. ³ 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 no adulteress, though she has married another man. ⁴ Therefore, my brethren, **you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.***

- **BE CRUCIFIED IN CHRIST**
- **Galatians 2:20** *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

2. GIVE THANKS TO JESUS FOR RESCUING YOU FROM THE LAW!

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.*

Philippians 2:13 *for it is God who **works in you** both to **will** and to **work** for His good pleasure.*

3. “PRAISE GOD, HE IS THE LAWGIVER ON THE THRONE AND HE IS THE LAWKEEPER IN YOUR HEART!” – Watchman Nee

Romans 8:1-4 *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.***

4. STAY IN CHRIST AND LIVE BY THE SPIRIT!

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**.*

FAITH = trusting the LORD to deliver you from yourself and empower you to do His will!

NEXT STEP: THANK GOD. HE DOES EVERYTHING, SO

HE GETS ALL THE GLORY!