

“But now we are released from the law… so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit…”

Romans 7:6


Being Transformed
by Grace:
A Study of Romans

Lesson Outline



- Jurisdiction of the Law
- What is the Law's connection to sin?
- How can we identify our "sin" blind spots?

Jurisdiction of the Law

The Law only has power over a living person.

Romans 7:1-3



Key Takeaway:

Freed from the Law, we are married to Christ to serve in the **new way of the Spirit**.

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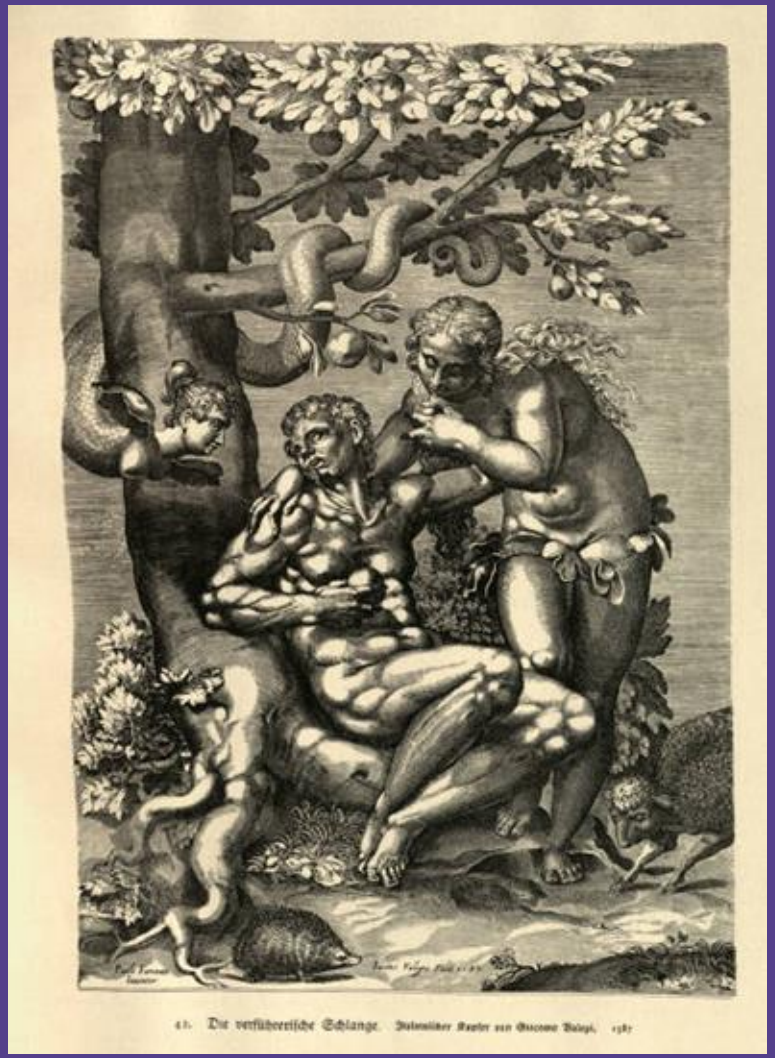

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IS the Law Sinful?

No! The Law is NOT sinful!



The 10th Commandment: Do NOT covet

- Longing for or lusting after something that belongs to someone else
- Desiring what God forbids

The Law requires us to reflect on our motivations, not just our actions.



The Purpose of the Law

Examine your heart and see how closely it aligns with Christ's.



Characteristics of the Law

“So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous, and good.”

Romans 7:12



Does the Law = Death?

By No Means!
Romans 7:13



Sin at Work in Us

Sin uses what is "good" (The Law) to...

- *Tempt*
- *Destroy*

How?

"But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire."

Romans 7:8

God's Commands are Spiritual

"We know that *the Law is spiritual*;

but *I am unspiritual*, sold as a slave to sin."

– Romans 7:14

I have the will, but not the power…

"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

Why am I like this?

“It is the sin that dwells within me.”

– Romans 7:20

Paul: Far from Perfect…

- Disagreement w/Barnabas - Acts 15:36-41
- Cast out spirit of divination - Acts 16:16-18
- Admonished the Athenians - Acts 17:23
- Rebuked Peter - Gal. 2:11-14
- Given “a thorn in the flesh”- 2 Cor. 12:7



Paul: Exasperated Apostle

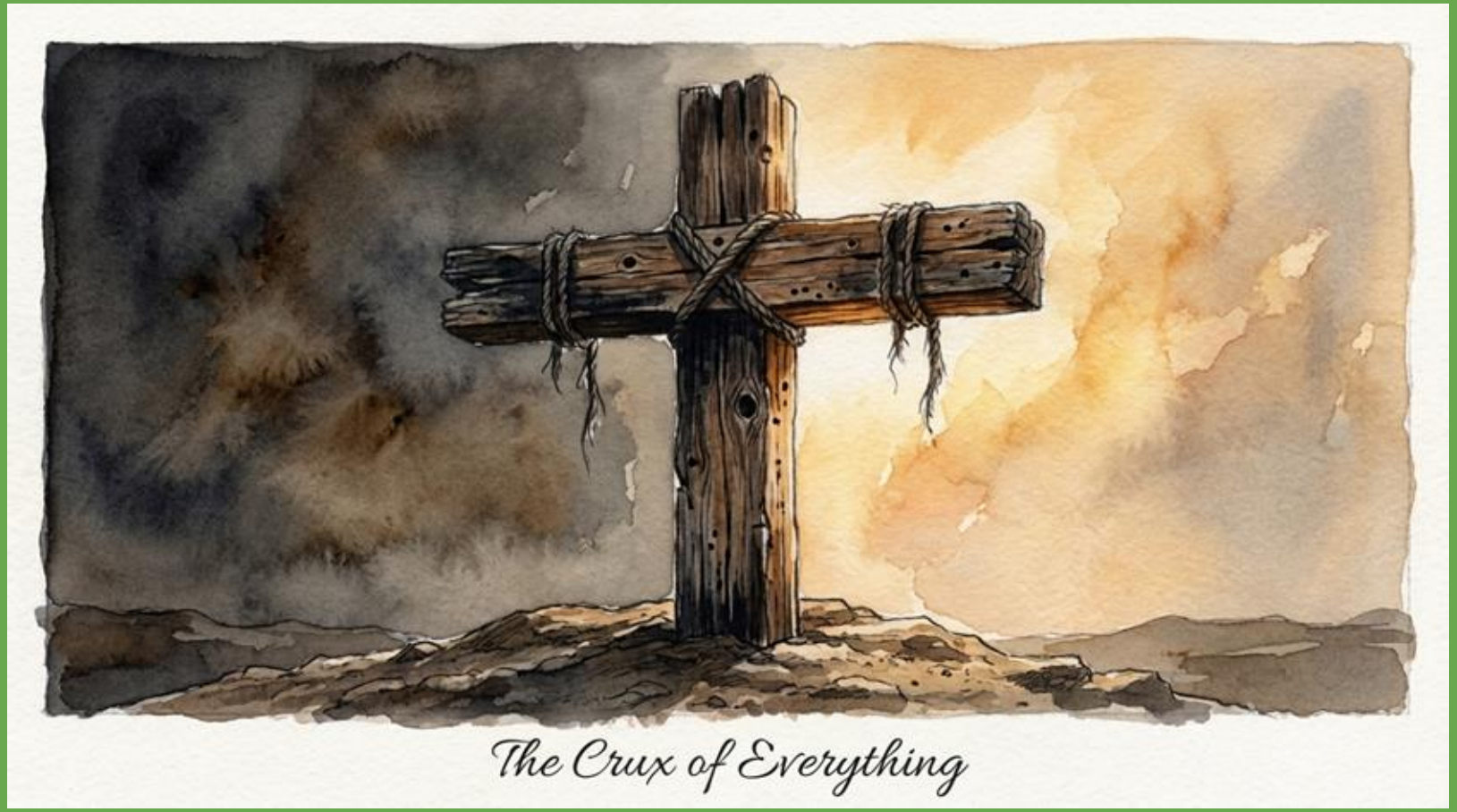
“Oh, wretched man that I am!

Who will deliver me from this body of death?”

– Romans 7



Marriage to Christ



This week's challenge:

Identify patterns of sin.

- Sit quietly
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your blind spots
- Sit quietly

"Lord, reveal to me the things that I continually do that you would have me NOT do."

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