

THREE PART SERMON SERIES

Lessons for the Christian Life!

Sermon 1:
Lessons for
Christians
Living in
Romans 7!

Sermon 2:
Lessons for
Christians
Living in
Romans 8!

Sermon 3:
Lessons for
Christians
Living in
the Spirit!

REVIEW

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ROMANS

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REVIEW

THE BONDAGE & DESPAIR OF ROMANS 7!

“For I have the desire to do what is good,
but I cannot carry it out.

For what I do is not the good
I want to do!

No, the evil I do not want to do . . .
This I keep on doing.”

Romans 7:18b-19

“What a wretched man I am!
Who will rescue me from this
body of death?”

Romans 7:24

REVIEW

We learned a lesson about SIN!

Sin is a law
in the sense
of a universal
principle.

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EXPERIMENT

We also proved
in an experiment
that **human will**
cannot overcome
the law or
principle of
gravity or of sin!

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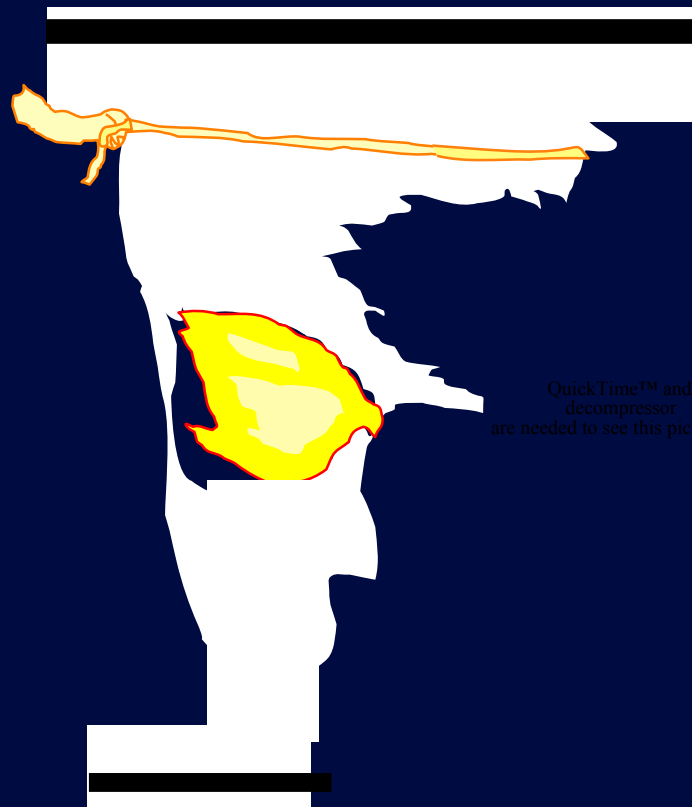
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REVIEW: We learned a lesson about SELF

"I know that nothing good lives in me,
that is, in my sinful nature." Romans 7:19

Plato compared the human personality to a
charioteer with headstrong horses wanting
to go in different directions. 427-347 BC



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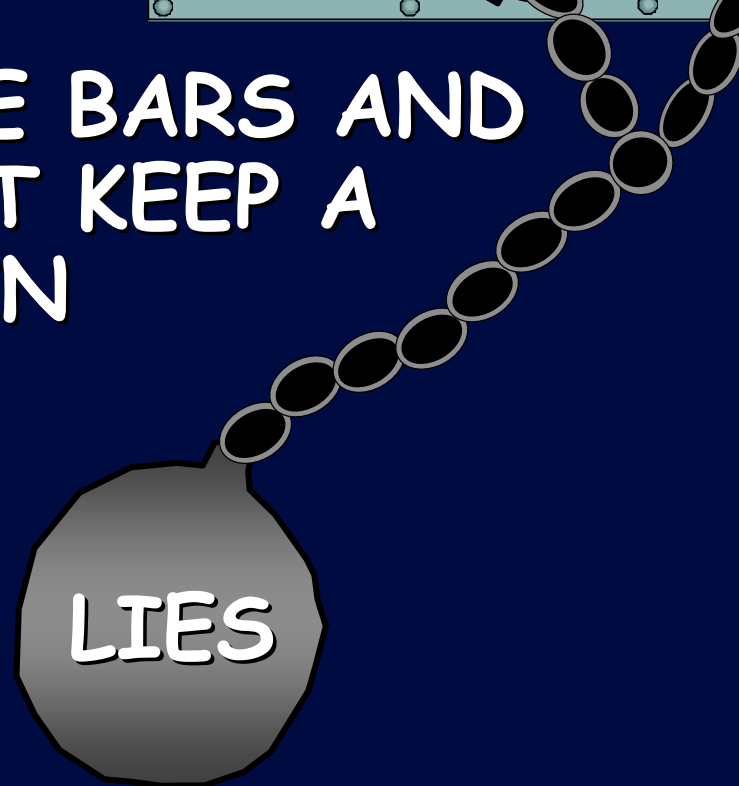
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REVIEW

We also
learned a
lesson about
LIES



LIES ARE THE BARS AND
CHAINS THAT KEEP A
CHRISTIAN IN
ROMANS 7!



REVIEW

We learned that DEATH
is the way out of Romans 7!

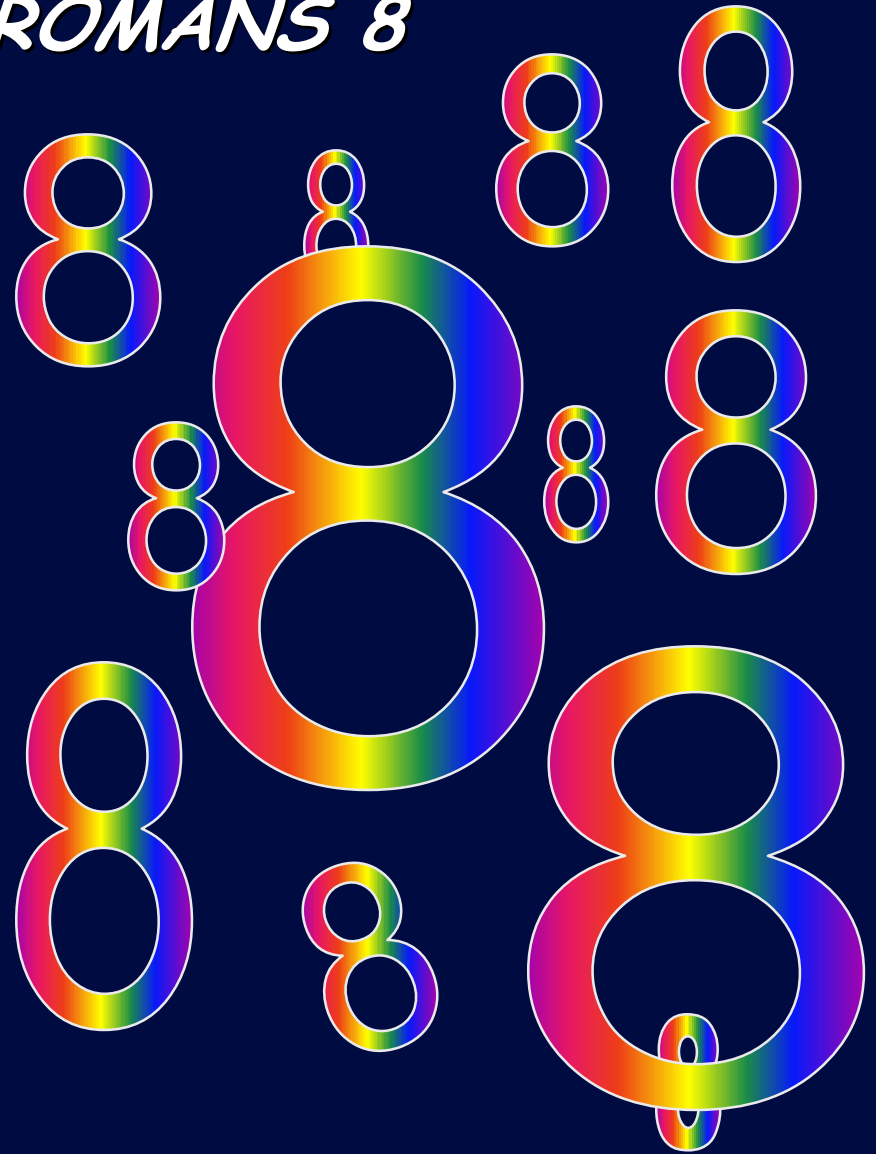


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Christ's Death

*SERMON 2:
LESSONS FOR CHRISTIANS
LIVING IN ROMANS 8*

ROMANS



Romans 7:25-8:2

“Thanks be to God . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.”

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law (principle) of the Spirit of life set me free from the law (principle) of sin and death.”

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE ROMANS 8
CHRISTIAN ESCAPED FROM ROMANS 7?



HOW?



SERMON TWO: LESSONS FOR CHRISTIANS LIVING IN ROMANS 8

LESSON 1: God's principle of **LIFE** is greater than the law of sin! (7:31-8:2)

LESSON 2: God's **GRACE** thru Christ is the way to live in Romans 8! (8:3-4)

LESSON 3: The **MIND** is the key for living in Romans 8! 8:26-39; (12:1-2)

LESSON 4: The Christian is victorious in God's **LOVE**. (8:26-38f)

CONCLUSION: **OFFER** yourself to God rather than to sin & Satan!

*SERMON TWO:
LESSONS FOR CHRISTIANS
LIVING IN ROMANS 8*

LESSON 1: God's Principle of **LIFE** is
Greater than the Law of Sin!

Romans 7:31 - 8:2

BUOYANCY

A Law/Principle
is required to
overcome
another
Law/Principle.

The Law of
Gravity can
be overcome
by the Law
of Density
& Buoyancy.

GRAVITY

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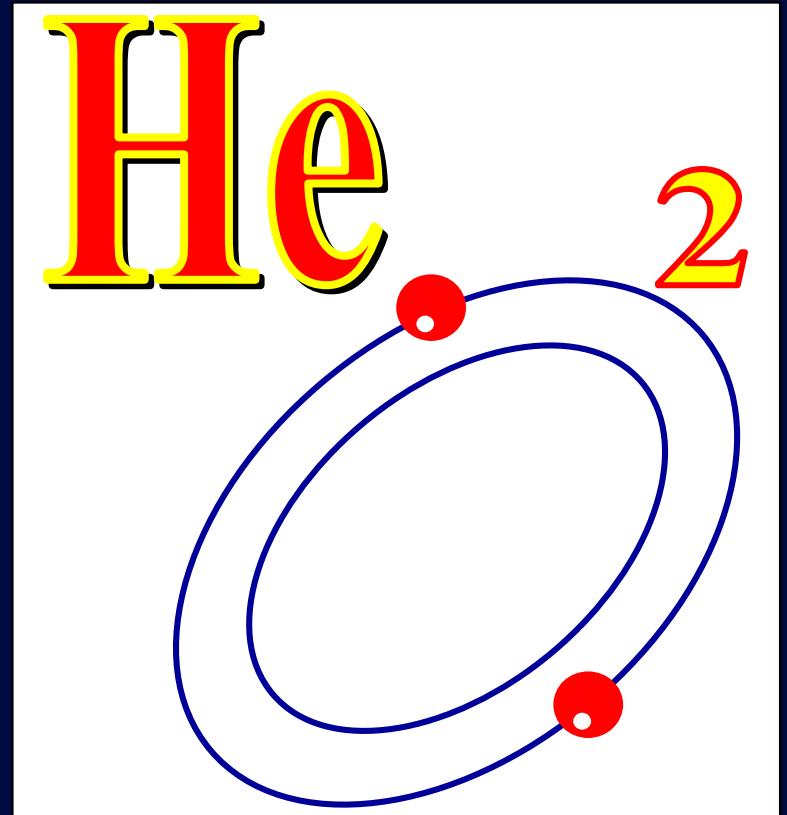
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HELIUM & BUOYANCY

We can counteract the law of gravity in a balloon by filling it with the chemical element of **helium**.

Helium is the chemical element of atomic number 2, an inert gas that is the lightest member of the noble gas series.

Helium is lighter than gravity (air) and overcomes the power of gravity.



THE EXPERIMENT

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THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

Does the balloon itself change so that it can overcome gravity? No! The basic properties of the balloon itself are not altered.

What part does the balloon play in breaking the power of gravity?

ABSOLUTELY NONE!

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THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

The only difference is that the balloon is now filled with **helium**.

Helium operates with a law/principle that is different from gravity.

The Holy Spirit is the difference in the Christian's life!



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How do I know the Law/Principle of the Spirit of Life is stronger than the Law/Principle of Sin and Death?

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***SERMON TWO:
LESSONS FOR CHRISTIANS
LIVING IN ROMANS 8***

LESSON 2: Christ's work of **GRACE is
the way to live in Romans 8!**

Romans 8:3-4

**DEATH IS THE
WAY TO GET OUT
OF ROMANS 7!**

**GRACE IS THE
WAY TO LIVE
IN ROMANS 8!**

GRACE IN ROMANS 8!

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.”

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GRACE IN ROMANS 8!

“God did!”

GRACE!

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“For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, **God did** by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering.”

GRACE IN ROMANS 8!

RESULT?

"In order that the righteous requirements of the law might be **fully met** in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit."

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PAID IN FULL

RIGHTeous
REQUIREMENTS

GRACE:
Getting
what I
don't
deserve!

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MERCY:
Not
getting
what I do
deserve!

GRACE IN ROMANS 8!

He paid a debt
He did not owe!
I owed a debt
I could not pay!
I needed someone
to wash my
sins away.

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And now I
sing a brand
new song:
Amazing Grace the
whole day long.
He paid a debt
that I could
never pay.

GRACE!

SANCTIFICATION GRACE!

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are God's **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

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"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God... not by **works**, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

SALVATION GRACE!

SANCTIFICATION GRACE!

"To this end I labor, struggling with all **his energy**, which so powerfully **works in me**."

Colossians 1:29



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SALVATION GRACE!

What's the biggest obstacle for a Christian to live in joy and grace?

IS IT SIN? NO!

God has forgiven my sins.
I can confess my sins.

My biggest problem is
what happens AFTER I sin.

I live in Romans 7!

I live in condemnation!

I am a "WO" Christian!

I heap guilt on my self.

I loose the joy of my salvation.

I hold on to the memory of the sin.

I beat myself up about my weakness.

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IT IS NOT INDIVIDUAL SIN THAT
CONDEMNS CHRISTIANS TO ROMANS 7!

IT IS THE
CONDEMNATION
THAT KEEPS THE
CHRISTIAN IN
ROMANS 7!

CONDEMNATION
IS A RESULT OF
LIVING OUTSIDE
OF GRACE!

CONDEMNATION

ROMANS 7!



CONDEMNATION

CONDEMNATION

Condemnation & guilt
are **always** a work of Satan!

CONDEMNATION
& GUILT **always**
take place in
Romans 7!
Condemnation
drags me back
into Romans 7
into my condition!

CONDEMNATION

CONDEMNATION

SIN



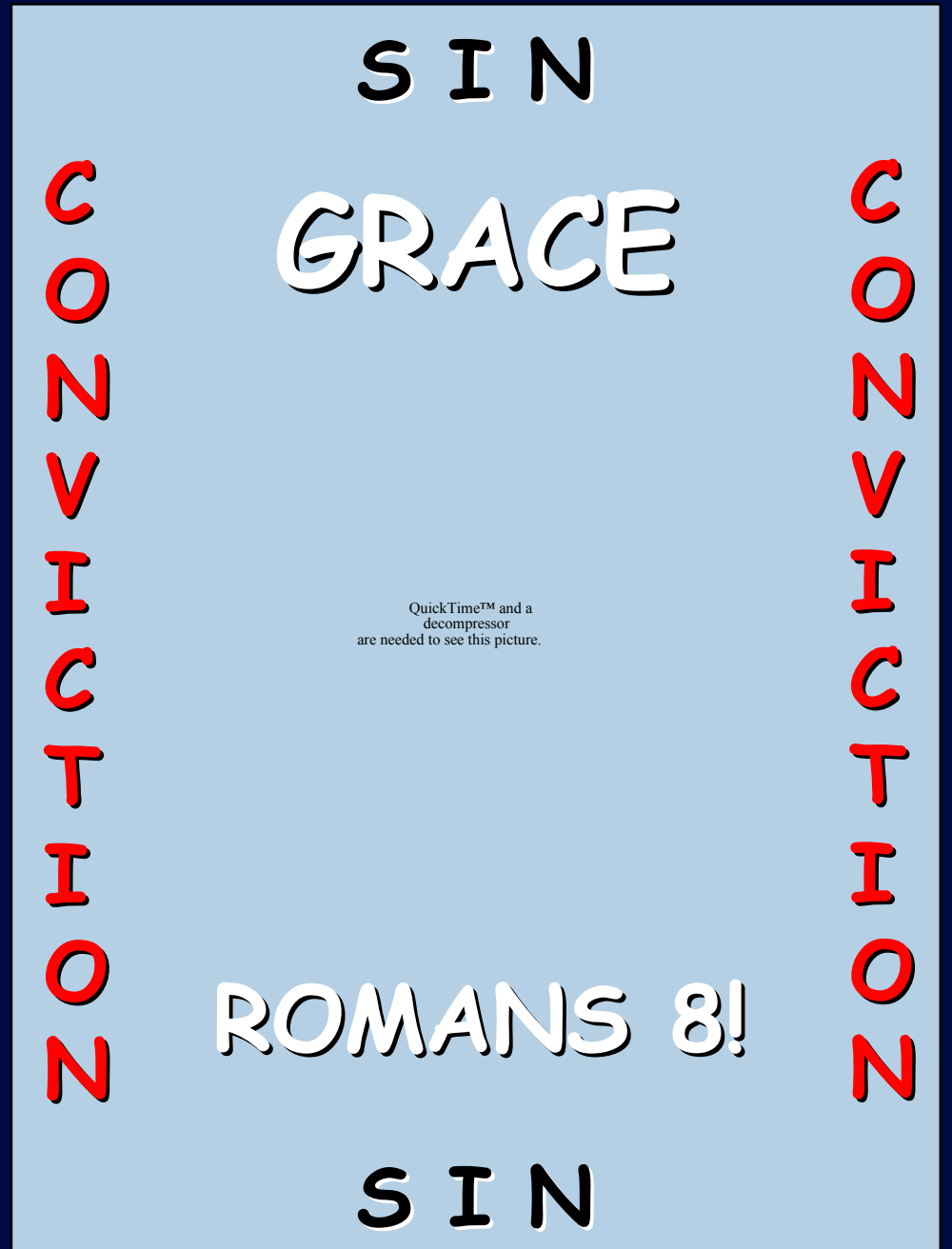
ROMANS 7!

CONDEMNATION

CONVICTION is
a work of the
Holy Spirit.

Conviction always
takes place in
Romans 8 out of
grace.

The result of true
conviction is that I
repent, confess,
and am forgiven in
my position of
grace in Romans 8.



TWO REACTIONS TO GRACE

GRACE IS DANGEROUS!

Grace is freedom to do anything!
The more I sin the more grace!
It doesn't matter what I do!
I'll just go out and sin!

GRACE IS A BURDEN!

I'm not working hard enough!
This is too good to be true!
I'm not suffering enough!
I don't feel bad enough!

**SERMON TWO:
LESSONS FOR
CHRISTIANS
LIVING IN
ROMANS 8**

LESSON 3:
The **MIND** is the
Key for Living in
Romans 8!

Romans 8:26-39
Romans 12:1-2

**Romans
8**

**Romans
7**

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THE MIND IS THE KEY!

“Finally, brothers,
whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable . . .
If anything is excellent or
praiseworthy
. . . **think** about such things.”

Philippians 4:9:

“Your **attitude/mind** should be the same
as that of Christ Jesus!” Philippians 2:4

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Romans 12:1-2:

"I urge you in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God . . . this is your spiritual act of worship.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.**

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is . . . His good, pleasing and perfect will."

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

2 Corinthian 10:4-5

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TWO WAYS OF THINKING

Romans 8:5-9; 12:1-2

The Romans 7 Mind *Stinking Thinking*

Fear
Guilt
Death
Defeat
Struggle
Hostility
Negative
Law/Works
Disobedience
Condemnation

The Romans 8 Mind *Spiritual Thinking*

Life
Love
Rest
Peace
Grace
Positive
Renewal
Obedience
Submission
Transformation

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CHRISTIAN

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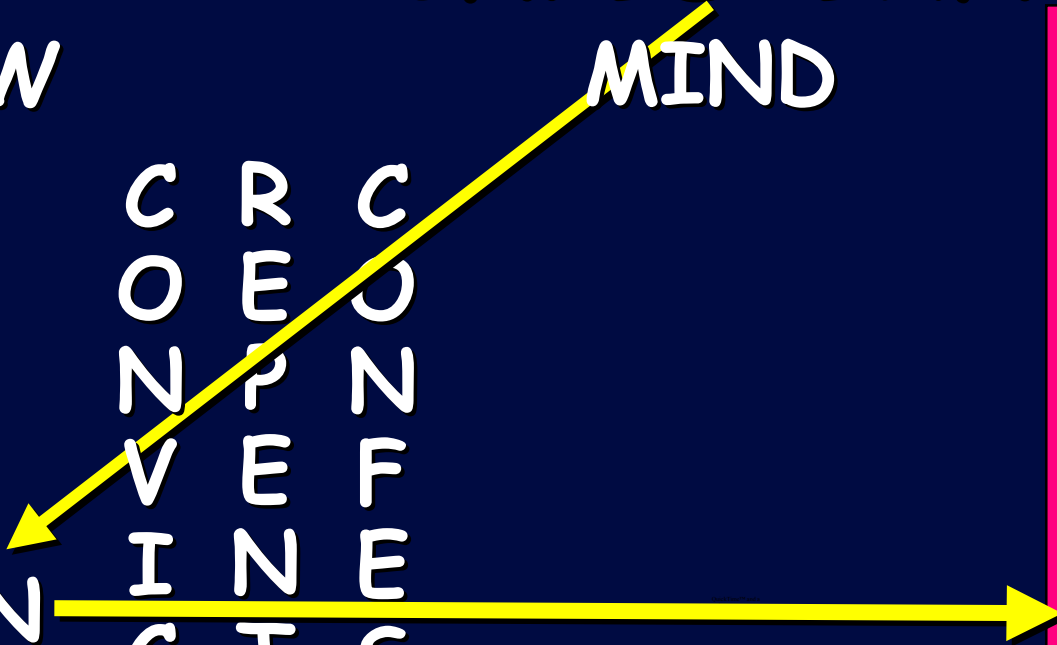
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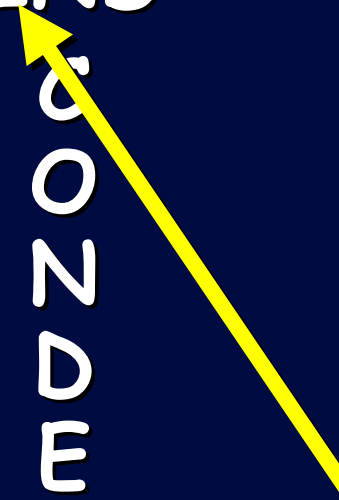
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THE
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LIVING
OUTSIDE
OF GRACE!

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***SERMON TWO:
LESSONS FOR
CHRISTIANS
LIVING IN ROMANS 8***

**LESSON 4:
Living in Grace & Love the
Christian is Victorious
in All Situations!**

**FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE
AND IN GOD'S POWER
AS HE DEFINES VICTORY!**

Romans 8:26-39

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VICTORY

Romans 8:26-39

LOVE GIVES VICTORY.

Romans 8:28,35,37,39

Victory over all **circumstances**.

Romans 8:28

Victory over Satan's **charges**.

Romans 8:33

Victory over **condemnation**.

Romans 8:34

Victory from **separation**.

Romans 8:38-39

VICTORY

LOVE gives Victory

When I choose to live in God's grace, I am released to love Him and to receive His LOVE that overcomes all things.

If I doubt His love I will doubt His concern, His willingness to help and ultimately His power to help.

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LOVE gives Victory!

“And we know that in all things
God works for the good of
those who **LOVE** him.” v28

“Who shall separate us
from the **LOVE** of Christ?”
v35

“In all these things we
are more than conquerors
through Him who **LOVED** us.” v37

“Nothing will be able to separate us from
the **LOVE** of God that is in Christ Jesus
our Lord.” v39

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VICTORY

Victory over CIRCUMSTANCES. v28

“And we know that in **all things** God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

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“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the likeness of his Son.**”

BEING GOOD FOLLOWS
BEING CONFORMED!

VICTORY

Victory over SATAN'S CHARGES. v33

“Who will
bring any
charge against
those whom
God has
chosen?
It is God
who justifies.”

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VICTORY

Victory over CONDEMNATION. v34

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died . . . more than that, who was raised to life . . . is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

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VICTORY

Victory from SEPARATION. V38-39

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

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VICTORY

Victory from SEPARATION. V38-39

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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*SERMON TWO:
LESSONS FOR CHRISTIANS
LIVING IN ROMANS 8*

APPLICATION LESSON:
Use Your Mind
to **Offer** Yourself to God!

Romans 12:1-2

This week where
will I live as a Christian?

ROMANS 7

CONDITION

ME
LAW
WORK
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DO

ROMANS 8

POSITION

CHRIST
GRACE
REST
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THE CHOICE

ROMANS
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OFFER	OFFER
MYSELF	MYSELF
TO SIN!	TO GOD!

AS CHRISTIANS YOU & I
HAVE A CHOICE!

MIND

OFFER
THE
PARTS
OF OUR
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TO
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ROMANS
7

We can
make up our
own minds!

OFFER
OUR
SELF
TO
THE
HOLY
SPIRIT

ROMANS
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WHEN WE CHOOSE TO LIVE IN
ROMANS 7 WE ARE OFFERING OUR
BODIES TO SATAN & SIN!

Just as you used to **offer** the parts of your body in slavery in impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now **offer** them in slavery to righteousness, leading to holiness." Romans 6:18-19

Paul uses marriage to illustrate
how we are bound to the law.

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IN MARRIAGE TWO PEOPLE OFFER
THEMSELVES TO EACH OTHER!

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OFFER/PRESENT YOUR BODIES

Romans 6:11-14:

“Do not **offer** the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather **offer** yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and **offer** the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.”

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OFFER/PRESENT YOUR BODIES

Romans 6:16-17:

“Don't you know that when you **offer** yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey .

. . . Whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?”

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NOT TO SIN & SATAN!

DISCUSSION & DECISION

Last week did you
live in Romans 7
or Romans 8?
Why? Why not?

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This week will you
live in Romans 7
or Romans 8?
How will you do it?

ROMANS 7

ROMANS 8