

Romans 1:17 (NIV)

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 3:21-22 (NIV)

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe...

Romans 6:11-12 (NIV)

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Romans 7:4 (NLT)

So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead.

As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God

The LAW is Bad?

NO it's GOOD?

Romans 7:1-13

1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness...

3:21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² **This righteousness from God** comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

5:1 ...since we have been **JUSTIFIED** through **faith**, we **HAVE peace** with **God** through our Lord Jesus Christ...

JUSTIFICATION means a New...

- **STATUS** - Right Relationship with God
- **FAMILY** - Child of God
- **FUTURE** - Transformed life

6:11 In the same way,
count yourselves **DEAD** to sin
but **ALIVE** to God **IN** Christ Jesus.

Since **Jesus DIED** as our **Representative**,
we died with Him. In **His death He**
FULFILLED ALL the claims of the Law
by paying the **AWFUL penalty**.
Therefore we are **FREE from the Law**
and from the curse. MacDonald

**→ Because we Died with Christ the
LAW has no POWER over us**

**⁴... you also died to the Law
THROUGH the BODY of Christ**

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

I have been **CRUCIFIED** with **Christ** and
I no longer live, but **Christ lives IN me.**

The life I LIVE in the body,

I live by **FAITH** in the **Son of God,**

who **loved me and gave Himself** for me.

→ **Because we are UNITED with Christ
we are Free to SERVE be Fruitful**

⁴ ...now you are **UNITED** with the **ONE**
who was raised from the dead.

As a RESULT, we can produce a
HARVEST of good deeds for God.

(NLT)

6:11 In the same way, **count yourselves DEAD** to sin **but alive to God...**

7:6 ...**by DYING** to what once bound us,
we have been **RELEASED** from the law
...**SO THAT** we **serve in the NEW way**
of the **Spirit...**

Romans 6:12-13 (NLT)

Do not let sin control the way you live; **do not** give in to sinful desires. ¹³ **Do not** let any part of your body become an **instrument of evil** to serve sin. Instead, **give yourselves completely to God**, for you **were DEAD**, but now you **have new life**. So use your whole **body as an INSTRUMENT** to **DO** what is **RIGHT** for the glory of God.

14 For sin shall NOT be your master,
because you are NOT under LAW,
but UNDER GRACE.

**The Law expressed God's Will
and made people Accountable.**

NLTN

Perfect obedience to the law could
bring **eternal life**, and with it **happiness**
and **holiness**.

But **NO ONE except Christ**
has - or could - ever
perfectly and fully OBEY it.

7:13 ...Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! **Sin used what was GOOD** to bring about my **condemnation to death**. **So we can see how terrible sin really is. IT** uses God's **good commands** for its **own evil** purposes. (NLT)

Sin NOT the Law brings death, and it is only through the Law that sin can be recognized as sin. Sin uses the Law in order to continue to produce death in people because people cannot keep the Law in their own strength. But, by using the commandments as instruments of death, sin reveals itself in all its ugliness. LABC

**→ Sin STARTS in our hearts
and MINDS**

⁸ But **SIN, seizing the opportunity**
afforded by the commandment,
PRODUCED in me EVERY KIND of
Covetous DESIRE

Paul understood that **evil THOUGHTS**
are just as **sinful as evil DEEDS.**

He had a **polluted thought life.** His
outward life may have been relatively
blameless, **but his inward life** was a
chamber of horrors.

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Luke 6:45 (NIV)

The good man brings good things out of the **GOOD stored up in his heart**, and the evil man brings evil things out of the **EVIL stored up in his heart**.

For out of the OVERFLOW of his HEART his MOUTH speaks.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

For the **WORD** of **God** is **LIVING** and **ACTIVE**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the **THOUGHTS** and **ATTITUDES** of the heart.

The PURPOSE of Law is...

- to **REVEAL** the Character and **HEART** of God
- to **CLEARLY** teach us what Sin IS
- to **DEMOLISH** all our Self-righteousness
- to show our **NEED** for **Jesus Christ** and His Teachings
- to help us see our Desperate **NEED** for **God's WORD** and His Spirit

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

Love the Lord your God with **ALL** your **HEART** and with **ALL** your **SOUL** and with **ALL** your **MIND**. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself**. ⁴⁰ **All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**

Romans 6:14 (NLT)

Sin is no longer your master, for you
no longer live under
the requirements of the LAW.

Instead, you live under
the FREEDOM of God's GRACE.