

# An Allegory:

## Jerusalem Which is Above is Free Which is The Mother of Us All

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Galatians 4:21-31, “Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.”

Romans 4:13-25, “For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body

now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”

Romans 9:8, “That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”

Galatians 4:25-31

25, “For this **Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia**, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.”

This is an allegory of the two sons of Abraham and so the sons and the mothers are both of this allegory. As this is saying Agar (Hagar) is Mount Sinai which is where the law came and that is why it says Jerusalem is in bondage because of the law. This is the Jerusalem which now is and is obviously the Jerusalem on earth in Israel.

26, “But **Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all**.” (Sarah) \*\*\* This is the Jerusalem that is above and is free and is the mother of us all; so this is depicted by Sarah and Isaac and is an obvious reference to the promise given to Abraham. This is not the actual city of New Jerusalem; that is the figure of the true thing which is Faith without the deeds of the law.

27, “For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: **for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband**.” This is a direct reference to Sarah. Not to New Jerusalem; and the issues that arise from making New Jerusalem the mother of us all is that we are also New Jerusalem in type because that is likened to a bride coming down from God out of heaven. But it is NOT the bride any more than it is the bride’s mother.

28, “Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, **are the children of promise**.” And now we see it was Isaac who got the promise and not Ishmael. Because the first birth was no good and this is why you must be born again:

29, “But as then **he that was born after the flesh** persecuted **him that was born after the Spirit**, even so it is now.” So that if you are physically born in the flesh your flesh is contrary to the spirit because if you are born again your spirit was born after the Spirit of God. John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water** and of the **Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **That which is born of the flesh is flesh**; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again**.” Galatians 5:17, “For the **flesh lusteth against the Spirit**, and **the Spirit against the flesh**: and **these are contrary the one to the other**: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” Ephesians 2:1-3, “And you hath he quickened, **who were dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air**, the **spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**: Among whom also **we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh**, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and **were by nature the children of wrath, even as others**.”

30, “Nevertheless **what saith the scripture?** Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for **the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman**.” So you are to reckon your flesh to be dead like God told Abraham to cast out the bondwoman AND her son. So you are do not go by the law (Hagar) and not live after the flesh (Ishmael).

31, “So then, brethren, we are not children of the **bondwoman, but of the free**.” So we are not the children of the law, but the children of the promise of faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:24-28, “Being justified **freely** by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier **of him which believeth in Jesus**. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by **the law of faith**. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith **without the deeds of the law**.”

Romans 4:9-25

9, “Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that **faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness**.” It is faith that was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness not grace. Yet the law requires circumcision, however:

10, “**How was it then reckoned?** when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, **but in uncircumcision**.” Abraham got the promise prior to circumcision:

11, “And **he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe**, though they be not circumcised; **that righteousness might be imputed unto them also**.” So

circumcision is a sign and a seal of the righteousness already of the faith Abraham had while he was uncircumcised that Abraham might be the FATHER of all them that believe. SO, if Abraham is the father of faith; then Sarah is the mother of faith. Not New Jerusalem although that is a type and an anti-type of the earthly Jerusalem which is in bondage of the Law.

12, “And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also **walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham**, which he had being yet uncircumcised.” We walk in the steps of that faith:

13, “**For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.**” It was not the law but the promise was the righteousness of faith and thereby are we justified.

14, “For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:” So that the keeping of the law not only hinders faith but it makes faith void and the promise of none effect: if you are keeping the law, you cannot be saved. So why is that?

15, “**Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.**” It is because the law works wrath – where no law is then there is no transgression of the law. You’d think this would be simple but many people miss it. Ephesians 2:5, “**Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together** with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”

16, “**Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,**” (Therefore Sarah is the mother of us all! See Above \*\*\*. This is so obvious what this is saying.)

Hagar = Mount Sinai & Law = Old Jerusalem in bondage & Ishmael = born of the flesh.

Sarah = Faith without the works of the law = New Jerusalem & Isaac = born of the Spirit.

17, “(As it is written, I have made thee a **father of many nations,**) before him whom he believed, even God, who **quickeneth the dead**, and calleth **those things which be not as though they were.**” So who is it that quickeneth the dead and calleth those things which BE NOT as though THEY WERE? It is God that does this. This is how God can impute righteousness by faith alone.

18, “Who **against hope believed in hope**, that he **might become the father of many nations**, according to **that which was spoken**, So shall thy seed be.” So Abraham believed God and this faith was counted for righteousness.

19, “And **being not weak in faith**, he considered not his own body **now dead**, when he was about an **hundred years old**, neither yet **the deadness of Sara's womb:**” He was strong in faith even though very old and Sarah also being very old, yet still got the promise from God.

20, “**He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**” Abraham believed God even when Sarah gave the handmaiden Hagar in the flesh to Abraham. God gave Abraham the promise in an unconditional way so it would not be based on anything Abraham did. And because God promised then it was to come to pass regardless of Abraham.

21, “**And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.**” Abraham was FULLY PERSUADED what God had promised and that God was able to perform it:

22, “**And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**” The key verse is this that Abraham was so persuaded that God imputed righteousness to Abraham for his faith in the promise that God told him.

23, “**Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;**” But this was not just for Abraham: imputed righteousness:

24, “**But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;**” But for US to US it shall be imputed IF we BELIEVE on HIM that raised up Jesus our Lord FROM THE DEAD. That faith is demanded by God; and the dealing out of faith is not enough. Faith comes by hearing the words of God: so you CAN believe what God SAID to YOU. It is faith in what God TOLD you.

25, “**Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.**” Jesus Christ was delivered for our offences and then raised for our justification. This is a perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind and it takes care of them all. However it is not experiential for all until the individual Receives the Lord Jesus Christ, then the triangle of reconciliation is completed. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, “**And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**”

Romans 8:15, “**For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**” The spirit of bondage is the law that is terrifying but we have received the Spirit of adoption. God is now our Daddy & Father. The law genders strife: Galatians 4:24, “**Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.**” This is the covenant of the law and is the one that is terrifying because no one can keep the law.

Psalms 46:4, “There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad **the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.**” There is a city in the sky that is my home and one day that is where I will be. This is the promise that God has given to us in the New Testament and to Abraham along with many other precious promises.

Psalms 87:3, “Glorious things are spoken of thee, O **city of God.** Selah.” This is Jerusalem, the city of peace. But it is a reference to the one that is in bondage. It will be the one also that is freed during the thousand years reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 7:4, “Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by **the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead,** that we **should bring forth fruit unto God.**” The saved person is dead to the law by the body of Christ; this is the death of the carnal mind that persecutes him that is born after the Spirit that we should be married to another even Jesus Christ. What is important is that the spirit of man was killed by the law already. The new husband is the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ who gives our spirit that new birth from the Father.

Revelation 21:2, “And I John saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem,** coming down from God out of heaven, prepared **as a bride adorned** for her husband.” Notice here that the holy city New Jerusalem is prepared AS a bride; and it does not say IS THE bride! It is the similitude or allegory of the bride; the REAL bride is all the born again people from the Cross till the resurrection from the deal of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 2:19, “Now therefore **ye are no more strangers and foreigners,** but **fellowcitizens** with the saints, and of **the household of God;**” It is not the city but the people IN the city that is the Bride of Christ. And not everybody in the city is the Body of Christ. There are other saints there too. In this city are all the saved people from the Old Testament and New Testament throughout time.

John 14:1-3, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In **my Father's house** are **many mansions:** if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” In my Father's house are many mansions: He did not say in my Mother are many mansions, nor did He say in the Bride are many mansions.

Romans 8:18-25, “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time **are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.** For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation of the sons of God.** For **the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,** Because **the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.** For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, **but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the**

**redemption of our body.** For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.” What a wonderful time this will be when the body gets redemption from the bondage of corruption unto the glorious liberty of the children of God. What a wonderful day that will be.

Philippians 2:12-16, “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.** For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.** Do all things without murmurings and disputings: **That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God,** without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom **ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life;** that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” But while we are here we need to labour and do so without murmurings and disputings. We need to be wise as serpents but harmless as doves.

Matthew 12:50, “For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is **my brother, and sister, and mother.**” Jesus Christ is our elder brother. There is no way Jesus Christ is our father. His Father is our Father. Jesus Christ was never spiritually born and that is the mystery of the new birth in us. Because the Lord is that Spirit: so where it says God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself it is talking about that Spirit. Because God is a Spirit.

Romans 8:17, “And **if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” A joint-heir with Christ means we are heirs of the Father WITH Christ which makes Him our elder brother. And not only heirs but JOINT-HEIRS WITH Christ.

Galatians 3:29, “And if ye be Christ's, then are ye **Abraham's seed,** and heirs according to the promise.” Abraham's seed is not a physical seed but spiritual. The seed is the word of God in Faith to believe God: 1 Peter 1:23-25, “**Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.** For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And **this is the word** which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

Titus 3:7, “That being justified by his grace, we should be **made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**” What a precious promise this is! That hope of physical eternal life like in Romans 8:18-25 above. We are not hoping that we are saved from hell fire; that salvation is fixed when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ. Our hope in the physical salvation is not like a wishful thinking; it is going to happen, and we are still waiting for it. It is that hope of it happening or a longing for it to happen. Perhaps today!

John 6:63, “**It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**” The words of God are the seeds whereby we get this eternal life. It is no accident you are reading this now.

John 14:17, “Even **the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and **shall be in you.**” Once we are born of God we have that Spirit of truth IN US that also bears witness to the Bible: the words of God.

John 15:26, “But when **the Comforter is come**, whom I will send unto you from the Father, **even the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me.**” That Spirit of truth IN YOU will testify of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the test in 1 John 4:2 and 3.

John 16:13, “Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will **guide you into all truth**: for **he shall not speak of himself**; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and **he will shew you things to come.**” The Spirit of truth will not speak of himself but like it says above he will testify of the Lord Jesus Christ. A church that always spends time talking about the Spirit of God is not spiritual. They are trying to act like they are.

Romans 8:16, “**The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit**, that we are the children of God:” That Spirit inside the believer will bear witness that you are God’s child. If you do not have this witness inside; it is a good indication that you are NOT saved.

1 Corinthians 2:11-14, “For what man knoweth **the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?** even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which **the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the **natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because **they are spiritually discerned.**” Spiritual discernment is not understood by the natural man and you cannot produce this if you are not saved. You cannot act the part. The natural man is undone and without spiritual discernment. Even when you get saved you are not automatically of full age; you must grow in the Lord. Many people that get saved try to grow up way to fast and start teaching the Bible before learning it. Hebrews 5:11-14, “Of whom we have many things to say, and **hard to be uttered**, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when **for the time ye ought to be teachers**, ye have need that **one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as **have need of milk**, and **not of strong meat**. For every one that **useth milk is unskilful in the word** of righteousness: for **he is a babe**. But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age**, even **those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**” But being a babe in Christ is fine if you have not had time to grow: 1 Peter

2:2-3, “As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:** If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”

It is vitally important to grow in the Lord: 2 Peter 1:5-8, “And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For **if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

The Christian life is a life of ups and downs; of being a blood pleader and getting up and fighting the fight of faith. We have all the advantages having the Spirit of God in us that will never leave; because we are baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13, “For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and **have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**” We have been all made to drinking into one Spirit. So we are no longer Jews or Gentiles we are not The Body of Christ (the Church). But the word Church has three designations:

1. The Body of Christ. (NOT the local Church)
2. The gathering of believers at a location where lost people can show up. (The local Church)
3. The gathering place itself. (The local Church)

1 Corinthians 6:17, “But he that is **joined** unto the Lord is one spirit.” That joining of being born again is your dead spirit joined to the Lord making a new man because the spirit is altered and given eternal life by this joining with God’s Spirit: so that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:20, “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God **in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**” The “ye” and the “your” in the passage is the soul; the YOU inside. You have been given the use of the body, and you have a spirit, both of which belong to God. They are not yours. YOU ARE THE SOUL!

Ecclesiastes 3:21, “Who knoweth **the spirit of man that goeth upward**, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?” The spirit does not belong to you, it belongs to God and when God removes that spirit from you. You will physically DIE. If your spirit was born of God’s Spirit; your soul goes UP. But if NOT, it goes DOWN.

Ecclesiastes 12:7, “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” So your body returns to the earth as dust but your spirit returns to God who gave it to you “the soul” and what you have done with your body and spirit will be reflected at judgment. You will give an account of what you did with what God gave you.

Revelation 22:17, “And the Spirit and **the bride say**, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. **And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**”

You have the choice to get right or get left. The call is out there; it is up to you to find it, and do something about it.

Romans 7:1, “**Know ye not**, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law **hath dominion over a man** as long as **he liveth**? For **the woman (YOUR SOUL)** which hath **an husband (YOUR SPIRIT)** is bound by the law to her husband (SPIRIT) so long as he (SPIRIT) liveth; but if the husband (SPIRIT) be dead, she (SOUL) is loosed from the law of her husband (SPIRIT). So then if, while her husband (SPIRIT) liveth, she (SOUL) be married to another man (SATAN [another spirit]), she shall be called an adulteress (idolater): but if her husband (SPIRIT) be dead, she (SOUL) is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man (THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST). (This marriage is between the soul and the spirit.) Wherefore, my brethren, ye (YOUR SPIRIT & BODY) also are become **dead to the law** by the body of Christ (THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW); that ye (YOUR SOUL) should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead (THE RESURECTED LORD JESUS CHRIST), that we should bring forth fruit unto God. (HELP GET OTHERS SAVED)(Now: GOING BACK BEFORE THIS: AS A LOST PERSON) For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. (THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH AS BEING IN THE FLESH: THIS WOULD BE THE DEATH OF THE SPIRIT.) But now (AFTER BEING SAVED AND IN CHRIST) we (OUR SOULS) are delivered from the law, that being (THE LOST MAN THAT WE WERE) dead (SPIRIT) wherein we were held (TAKEN CAPTIVE BY THE DEVIL AT HIS WILL); that we should serve (BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US) in newness of spirit (BEING BORN AGAIN), and not in the oldness of the letter (THE LAW: OUT OF DUTY). (Romans 4:8, “Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.”) What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I (SOUL) had not known sin, but by the law: **for I (SOUL) had not known lust**, except the law had said, **Thou shalt not covet**. But **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me (MY BODY AND SOUL) all manner of concupiscence. For without the law (IN THE MIND OF MY SOUL) sin was dead. (THE LAW IS OUR SCHOOL MASTER TEACHING US ABOUT SIN) (Romans 5:13, “For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.” SIN IS NOT IMPUTED WHERE THERE IS NO LAW!) (Romans 4:15, “Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.”) For I (MY SPIRIT) was alive without the law once (UPON A TIME AS AN INFANT INTO CHILDHOOD): but when the commandment came (INTO MY MIND, SOUL & HEART AS I GREW OLDER), sin revived, and I (MY SPIRIT) died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life (IF I COULD HAVE KEPT IT), I found to be unto death (BECAUSE I DIDN’T KEEP IT AND COULDN’T KEEP IT). For **sin** (THAT WAS ALREADY THERE), taking occasion (BEING REMEMBERED) by the commandment (KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW), deceived (SIN) me (SOUL), and by it (SIN) slew me (SPIRIT). Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death (SPIRIT) unto me (SOUL)? God forbid. But **sin**, that it (SIN) might appear **sin**, working death (OF MY SPIRIT) in me (SOUL) by that which is good (THE

LAW); that **sin** by the commandment **might become exceeding sinful**. (BY THE FEAR OF THE LORD, MEN DEPART FROM EVIL.) For we know that the law is spiritual: but I (FLESH) am carnal, **sold under sin**. (AS A LOST MAN WHO HAS COME OF AGE)

Romans 4:4-5, “Now to him **that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt**. But to **him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness**.”

Romans 6:3-13, “Know ye not, that **so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life**. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also **in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin**. For **he that is dead is freed from sin**. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also **live with him**: Knowing that Christ being **raised from the dead dieth no more**; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that **he died, he died unto sin once**: but **in that he liveth, he liveth unto God**. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be **dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord**. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. **Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God**.”

Romans 3:20-26, “Therefore **by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified** in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin**. But now the righteousness of God **without the law is manifested**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them **that believe**: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**: Whom God hath set forth **to be a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, **through the forbearance of God**; To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that he might be just, and the justifier of **him which believeth in Jesus**.”

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