

Unshakable: Real Life

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Romans 8:1-4 NIV Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Genesis 2:8-9 NIV Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Tree of life.

Tree of the knowledge of the good and evil.

Genesis 2:16-17 NIV 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Tree of self life.

Romans 1 - Pride

“I’ve got this.”

Romans 2 - Moralism

“I’m better than most.”

Romans 3 & 4 - Idolatry

“This will make me enough.”

Romans 5 - Self Righteousness

“God must be pleased with me.”

Romans 6 - Destructive Patterns

“I can’t change.”

Romans 7 - Self-Judgement

“I should be better by now.”

Tree of Self Cycle

***Knowledge -> Effort -> Failure -> Shame ->
Condemnation -> Death***

Romans 7:24 NIV What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Romans 8:1 NIV Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

1) The Tree of Life is built on what Jesus has done.

We yield to Jesus.

Romans 8:2 NIV because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

2) The Tree of Life awakens internal desire.

John 14:15 NIV “If you love me, keep my commands.”

We fall in love with Jesus.

Romans 8:3 NIV For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

3) The Tree of Life frees me to truly live.

John 8:34-36 NIV Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

We receive freedom through Jesus.

Romans 8:4 NIV in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

4) The Tree of Life gives me God’s strength.

We live a Spirit-filled life in Jesus.