

The Law of the Spirit

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Proposition: In looking at Romans 8:1-2 and various texts, we will see two truths regarding the Law of the Spirit: First, what does it mean that there is now no condemnation for the believer, and second, what makes the Law of the Spirit of life different than the Law of sin and death.

I. No _____ for the Believer? (Rom 8:1)

Table Discussion: Study Romans 7:14-25 and answer the following questions:

1. Is Paul referring to a believer or an unbeliever? Why do you lean one way or the other?
2. What does this passage teach about the ongoing presence of sin in a believer's life?

A. Understand the _____ that _____ Face Because of Sin (Rom 7:14-23)

The War Within		
	The Spiritual Man	The Flesh
v. 14	Law is spiritual	He is of flesh
v. 15	He knows what he would like to do	He does the very thing he hates
v. 16	Law is good	He does the very thing he does not want to do
v. 17	In his flesh, he sins	The sin that dwells in him does what he hates
v. 18	He is willing to do what is good	He does not do what is good
v. 19	He wants to do good	He practices the very evil he does not want
v. 20	He does not want to do evil	The sin that dwells in him does evil
v. 21	He wants to do good	Evil is present in him
v. 22-23	He joyfully agrees with the law of God	He is a prisoner of the law of sin in his body

B. Understand the _____ that _____ Are Set Free From (Rom 7:24-25)

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II. Law of the _____ vs. Law of _____ (Rom 8:2)

Table Discussion: What is the law of the Spirit? How is it different than the law of sin and of death?

A. The _____ of the Holy Spirit (Ezek 36)

Table Discussion: Read Ezekiel 36:25-27. What does God promise here through the Holy Spirit?

“The Spirit is the Spirit of life because he is the Spirit of God who is the living God. And he gives life to all who come to Christ.”¹

B. The _____ of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3)

Table Discussion: Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18. What do you notice are the differences between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant?

“I thank God with all my heart that since my conversion I have never known what it is to be out of the seventh of Romans, nor out of the eighth of Romans either: the whole passage has been solid truth to my experience. I have struggled against inward sin, and rejoiced in complete justification at the same time.”²

¹ Gordon Fee, *God's Empowering Presence*, (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2001), 525-26

² C. H. Spurgeon, “In Christ No Condemnation,” in *The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Sermons*, vol. 32 (London: Passmore & Alabaster, 1886), 469.