

The Sanctifier, Part II

“For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?”

I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.”

Romans 7:15-25 NKJV

Knowing right from wrong doesn't give you the power to do right.

The Law is powerless to stop us.

It can't guarantee righteousness, it only guarantees punishment.

Two things are happening:

- 1. My spirit is new and alive in Christ and wants holiness.**
- 2. My flesh is still dead in sin and wants sinfulness.**

“THIS BODY OF DEATH”

Roman mythology and poetic literature refer to a cruel ruler, Mezentius, who used the bodies of the dead bound to the condemned as a means of capitol punishment.

**What tongue can such barbarities record, Or
count the slaughters of his ruthless sword?
'Twas not enough the good, the guiltless bled,
Still worse, he bound the living to the dead:
These, limb to limb, and face to face, he
joined; O! monstrous crime, of unexampled
kind! Till choked with stench, the lingering
wretches lay, And, in the loathed embraces,
died away!
Virgil, The Aeneid**

**Old Testament Law concerning touching the
dead:**

**“The one who touches the dead body of any
person shall be unclean for seven days. That
one shall purify himself from uncleanness
with the water [made with the ashes of the
burned heifer] on the third day and on the
seventh day, and then he will be clean; but if
he does not purify himself on the third day
and on the seventh day, he will not be clean.**

Whoever touches a corpse, the body of anyone who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from Israel [that is, excluded from the atonement made for them]. Because the water for impurity was not sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.”
Numbers 19:11-13 AMP

The ashes of the red heifer.

- The colored is required, symbolic of the blood**
- without blemish is symbolic of without sin**
- outside the camp is symbolic of Jesus death outside of Jerusalem at Calvary.**
- two washings are symbolic of two works of grace, water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism.**

Apostles Paul uses himself as an example of a real problem, asks a real question, and gives us a real answer.

“So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One. For the “law” of the Spirit of life flowing through the anointing of Jesus has liberated us from the “law” of sin and death. For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature. Yet God sent us His Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God’s Son gave His body to be the sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin. So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living His life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit!

Romans 8:1-4 TPT

“So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)”

Romans 8:6-9 NLT

- 1. I need Christ to clear my record of sin.**
- 2. I need the Blood of Jesus to cleanse me.**
- 3. I need the Holy Spirit to separate me from the control of my flesh and lead me in living a holy life that pleases God.**