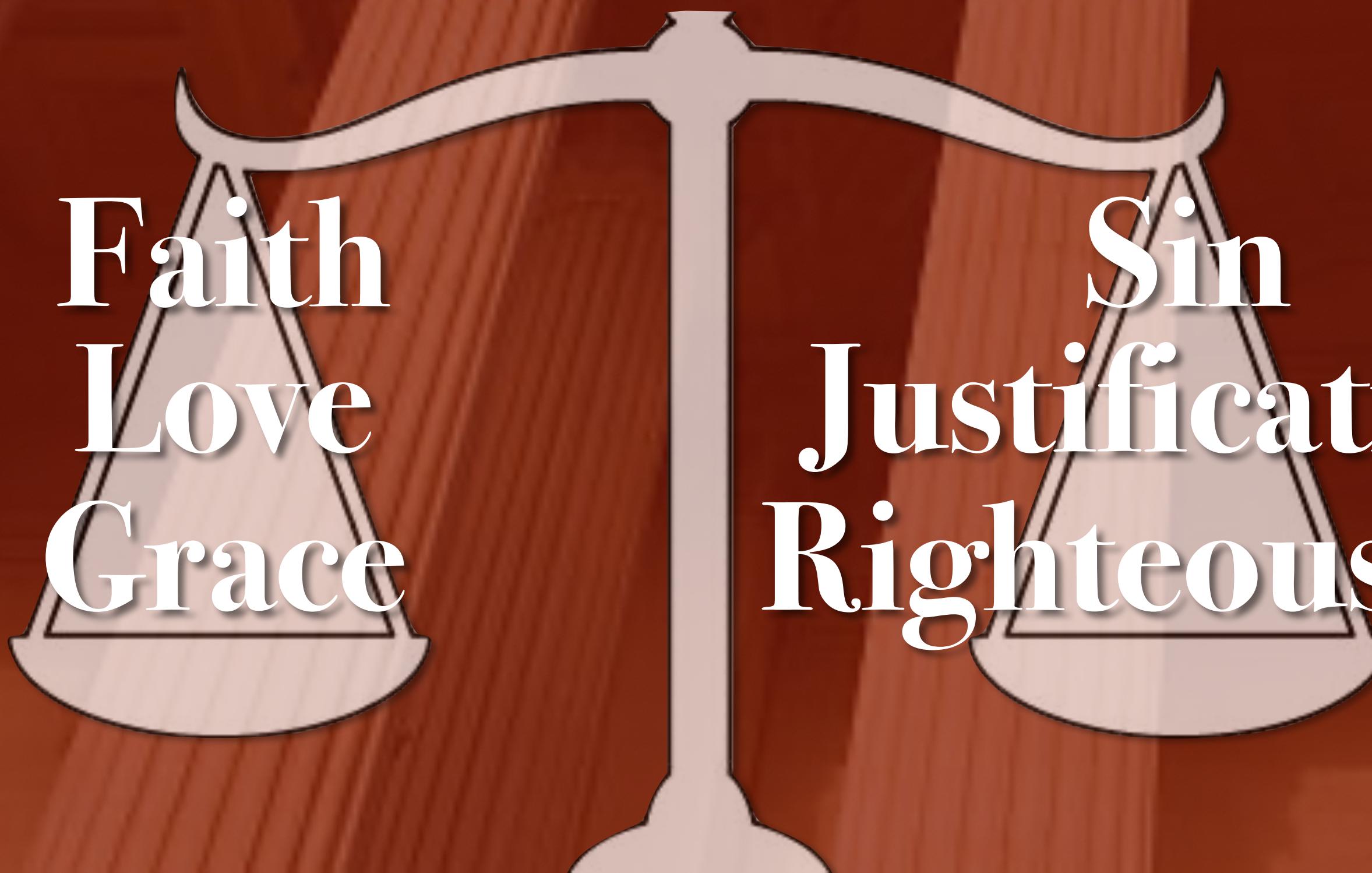


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Back to Bible Basics

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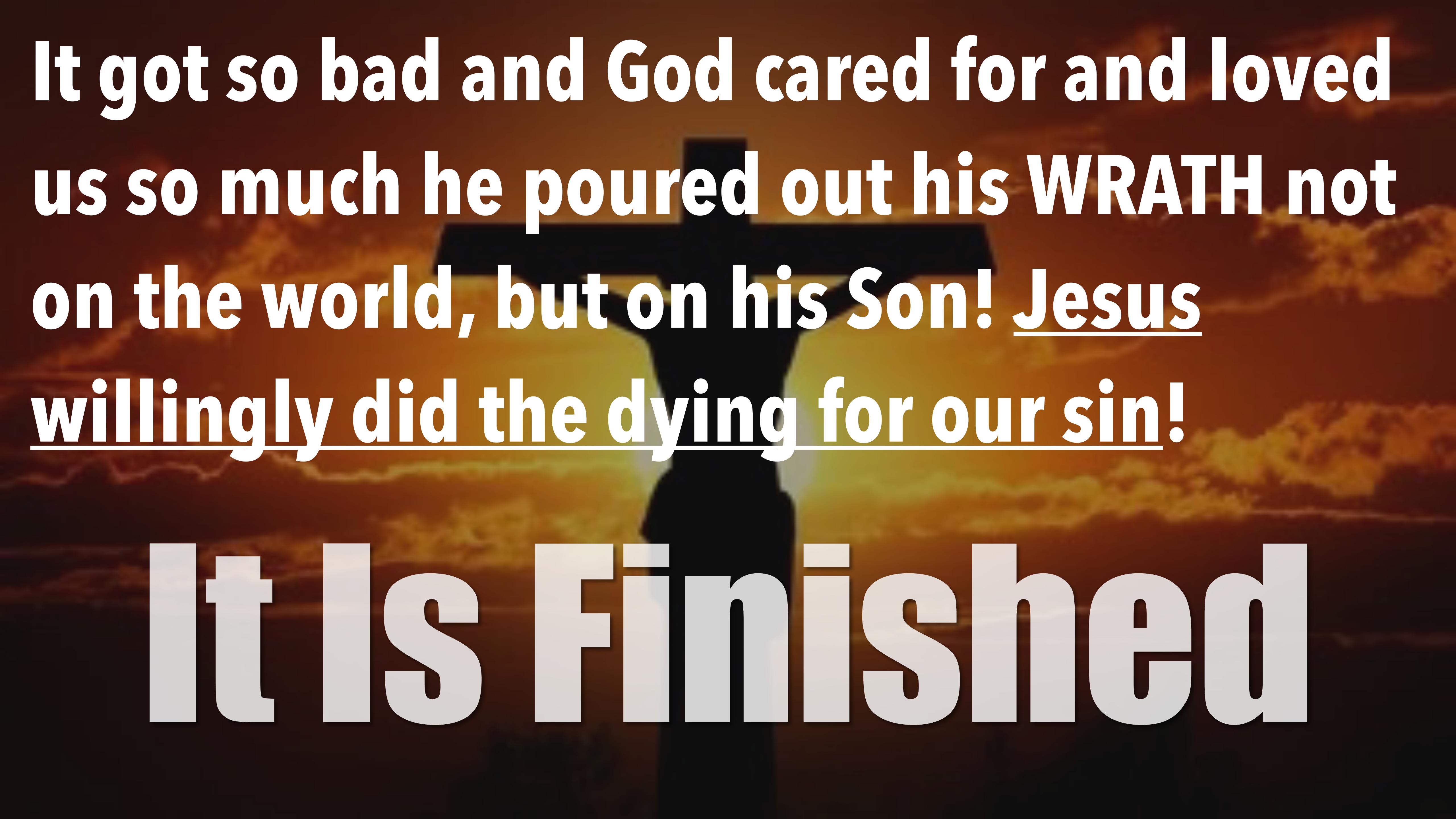
Sin  
Justification  
Righteousness

Chap. 7

# **Sin leads to slavery & bondage!**



**Only way out is death!**

A dark silhouette of a person on a cross against a dramatic, cloudy sky.

It got so bad and God cared for and loved  
us so much he poured out his WRATH not  
on the world, but on his Son! **Jesus**  
willingly did the dying for our sin!

**It is Finished**

# Living In Grace (Chap. 6)



- 1) I count myself dead to sin and alive to God**
- 2) I have a new identity (pic in baptism)**
- 3) I am united with Christ (HS DNA)**
- 4) I give control to a new Master**
- 5) I offer myself as God's instrument**
- 6) I have no need for the Law**
- 7) I can enjoy the eternal benefits of Holiness**

# Questions we need to ask ourselves:

- ❖ Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
- ❖ Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- ❖ Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace?
- ❖ Don't you know... you are slaves to one whom you obey?
- ❖ What benefit did you reap?(How's that going?)



# **Marriage Law Picture**

**7:1-3**

**Adultery according to the  
God's Law is a death  
sentence by stoning!**

# NOTES: v. 1-6

- ❖ Only way out of this bad marriage to the world and the obligations of the law = die
  - Only way to be married again = resurrection
  - Now I belong to Christ (Christ & the church - Eph. 5:31-32)
- ❖ God's heart for you = Bear fruit for life not for death

“16 So I say, LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, AND YOU WILL NOT GRATIFY THE DESIRES OF THE SINFUL NATURE. 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. THEY ARE IN CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER, so that you do not do what you want. 18 BUT IF YOU ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT, YOU ARE NOT UNDER LAW. 19 The acts of the sinful

“NATURE ARE OBVIOUS: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY AND DEBAUCHERY; 20 IDOLATRY AND WITCHCRAFT; HATRED, DISCORD, JEALOUSY, FITS OF RAGE, SELFISH AMBITION, DISSENSIONS, FACTIONS 21 AND ENVY; DRUNKENNESS, ORGIES, AND THE LIKE. I WARN YOU, AS I DID BEFORE, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE LIKE THIS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.<sup>22</sup> BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE,

**“KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, 23  
GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST  
SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW. 24 THOSE  
WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE  
CRUCIFIED THE SINFUL NATURE WITH ITS  
PASSIONS AND DESIRES. 25 SINCE WE LIVE  
BY THE SPIRIT, LET US KEEP IN STEP WITH  
THE SPIRIT. 26 LET US NOT BECOME  
CONCEITED, PROVOKING AND ENVYING EACH  
OTHER.”**

“4 REMAIN IN ME, AND I WILL REMAIN IN YOU. NO BRANCH CAN BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF; IT MUST REMAIN IN THE VINE. NEITHER CAN YOU BEAR FRUIT UNLESS YOU REMAIN IN ME.5 “I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF A MAN REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. 6 IF ANYONE DOES NOT REMAIN IN ME, HE IS LIKE A BRANCH THAT IS THROWN AWAY AND

“WITHERS; SUCH BRANCHES ARE PICKED UP,  
THROWN INTO THE FIRE AND BURNED. 7 IF  
YOU REMAIN IN ME AND MY WORDS REMAIN  
IN YOU, ASK WHATEVER YOU WISH, AND IT  
WILL BE GIVEN YOU. 8 THIS IS TO MY  
FATHER’S GLORY, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH  
FRUIT, SHOWING YOURSELVES TO BE MY  
DISCIPLES.

# Holy Spirit's Role

- ❖ (1:4) Holiness & Power
- ❖ (2:29) Circumcise our hearts  
(by the truth of the Word of God)
- ❖ How God imparts his righteousness to us
- ❖ (7:6) Don't serve the Law - only the way of the Spirit = Guide

# NOTES: v. 1-6

- ❖ v.5 - Law didn't just point out sin, but aroused sinful passions
  - Example of children
- ❖ Written Code = bunch of boxes to check!

# NOTES: v. 7-13

- ❖ Objection! Are you saying the law is sin for us or causes us to sin?
  - No way! - it points it out in me which is a good thing!
  - Example of an MRI
- ❖ Sin seized an opportunity - our flesh likes the Law and kind of twists it, using it against us

# Purpose of the Law



## 1 - Reveals sin

- 3:20 “become conscious of sin”
- Shows how unhol<sup>Y</sup> & unrighteous I am

# Purpose of the Law



**1. Reveals sin**

**2. Reveals the deception of sin**

- **False sense of freedom - we are slaves**
- **False sense of “a life” - I am actually dying**
- **False truth - “I am a good person”**
- **Falsehood of my sin morality**

# Purpose of the Law



- 1. Reveals sin**
- 2. Reveals the deception of sin**
- 3. Reveals my sinfulness (utterly sinful)**
  - I am powerless in myself for good
  - Most wicked thing about sin in me is how our take something God created to be good, twist it around and turn it into something deadly

# Purpose of the Law



- 1. Reveals sin**
- 2. Reveals the deception of sin**
- 3. Reveals my sinfulness**
- 4. Reveals my true nature**
  - v. 14 is the key
  - At war - Flesh vs. Spirit
  - All I make is broken promises

# Purpose of the Law



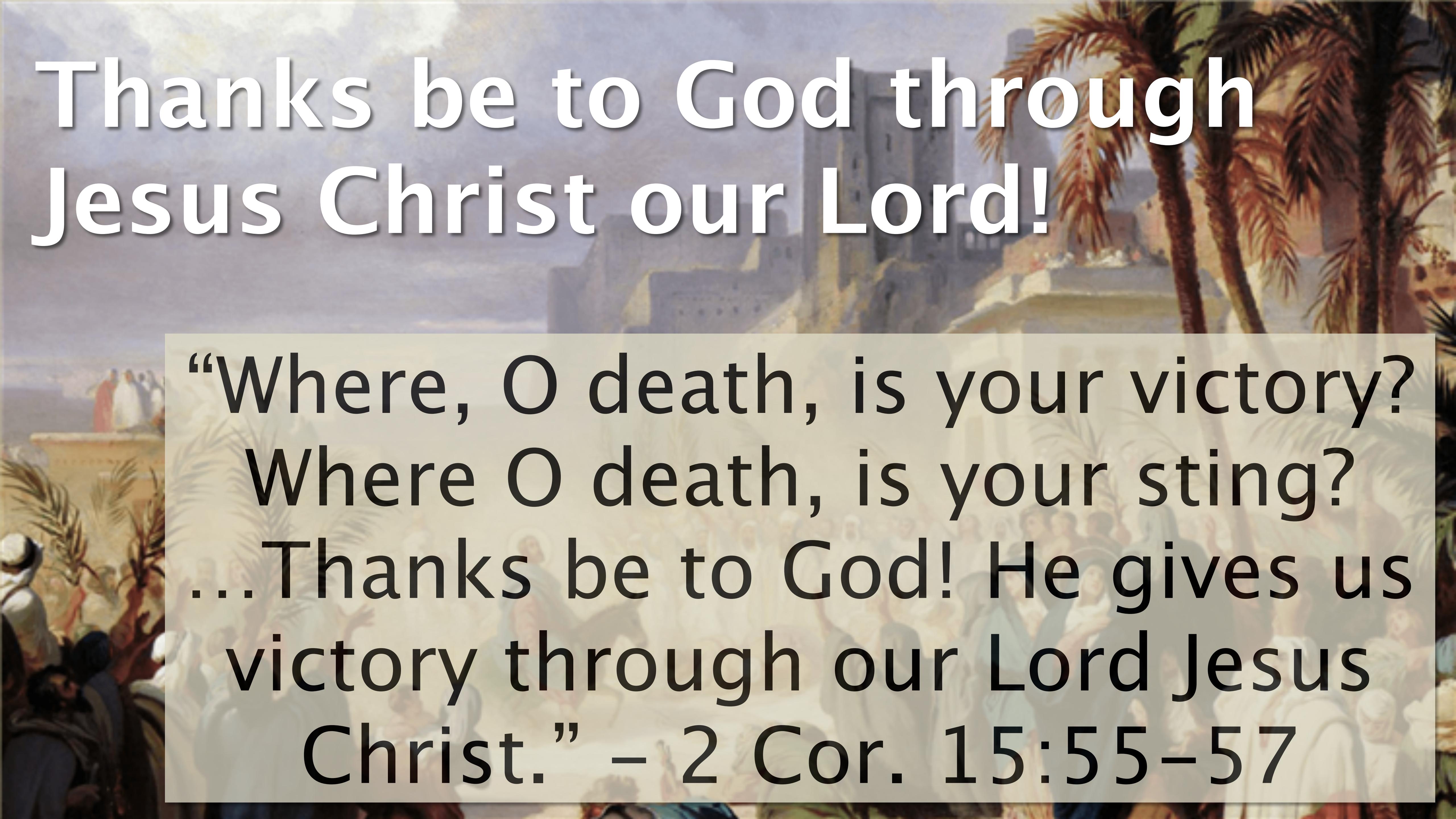
- 1. Reveals sin**
- 2. Reveals the deception of sin**
- 3. Reveals my sinfulness**
- 4. Reveals my true nature**
- 5. Reveals I'm in need of saving**
  - Gal.3:24 - leads us to Christ
  - Salvation can't be based on my faithfulness, but God's

# NOTES: v. 14-25

- ❖ Paul shares personally how it goes when we try to be righteous & holy by the Law
  - The flesh likes the law, likes the boxes, tries to do something to save itself!
  - What I find is I am never good enough
- ❖ I end up a depressed, crazy person!



O  
**WRETCHED  
MAN/WOMAN  
THAT I AM!**



# Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

“Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where O death, is your sting?  
...Thanks be to God! He gives us  
victory through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.” – 2 Cor. 15:55–57

Palms up!

