

Romans 7

Mosaic Church



SAUL OF TARSUS
A PHARISSEE

PAUL APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

REP. OF JESUS

TOURNA & TRADITION

RADICAL

OCCASIONALLY WROTE LETTERS

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

PAUL'S FULLEST EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, & RESURRECTION

THE GOSPEL... 1-4 ...REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

1-17 THE GOSPEL → **IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE**

REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE RISEN JESUS IS KING OF THE NATIONS

HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS **JUST & RIGHT**

HE IS **FAITHFUL** TO HIS PROMISES

18-32 ALL NATIONS ARE TRAPPED

ISRAEL IS TRAPPED TOO! 21-30

SIN → **GUILTY!**

SIN → **MORE GUILTY!**

IDOLATRY

3-9-26 BUT GOOD NEWS! ...SO WE COULD BECOME WHAT HE IS.

JESUS BECAME WHAT WE ARE... TRAPPED & GUILTY

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS

NEW STATUS: RIGHT WITH GOD & FORGIVEN INCLUDED IN GOD'S PEOPLE

NEW FAMILY: INCLUDED IN GOD'S PEOPLE

NEW FUTURE: TRANSFERRED LIFE

"IN CHRIST"

1 WHO IS IN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY?

DECLARES RIGHTEOUS BY HIS FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE. (GENESIS 15:6)

ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU & YOUR OFFSPRING. (GENESIS 12:3)

THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE ONE WHO FULFILLED GOD'S PROMISE!

ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12:1)

THE CHURCH OF ROME (SEE ACTS 18:1-2)

EMPEROR CLAUDIUS

JESUS RAFFLES

5 YEARS LATER

NON-JEWISH **JEWISH**

BLASPHEMY!! (YOU MUST EAT ROASTED ON WHAT?)

WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST! (YOU MUST EAT SABBATHALLY! YOU NEED TO BE CIRCUMCISED!)

I WANT YOU TO BE UNIFIED!

GENTILE CHRISTIAN **JEWISH CHRISTIAN**

5-8 ...CREATES A NEW HUMANITY

5 JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH CREATES NEW HUMANITY

6 DEATH → **WE ARE JOINED TO JESUS** → **WE ARE JOINED TO JESUS** → **WHAT'S TRUE OF HIM IS TRUE OF US**

LIBERATED TO LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

7 WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THE LAW?

8 THE SOLUTION: JESUS & THE SPIRIT

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9-11 ...FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL

9 ISRAEL IN THE PAST

ETHNIC ISRAEL ≠ COVENANT MEMBER

GOD SELECTED A SUBSET OF THE FAMILY

PEOPLE'S REJECTION ACCOMPLISHES GOD'S PURPOSES

PHARISAEES REBELLED

10 ISRAEL IN THE PRESENT

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BASED ON LAWS

NEW COVENANT FAMILY BASED ON FAITH

11 ISRAEL IN THE FUTURE

JEWISH & GENTILE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY

IS IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL? A: NO!

REJECTORS OF JESUS

ONE DAY JESUS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY HIS PEOPLE.

WORTHY OF HONOR!

SOME GRANTED ON **SOME BROKEN OFF**

SUMMARY OF CHS 1-4

- 1 ALL HUMANITY IS TRAPPED IN SIN & NEEDS TO BE RESCUED
- 2 RESCUE COMES BY TRYING TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE TORAH
- 3 GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS RESCUED THE WORLD THROUGH JESUS...
- 4 ...TO CREATE THE FAITH-BASED, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY OF ABRAHAM

12-16 ...UNIFIES THE CHURCH

12-15 UNIFYING THROUGH LOVE & FORGIVENESS

SERVING ONE ANOTHER **HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS**

LOVE fulfills the **TORAH**

14-15 SHOW GRACE TO EACH OTHER ON NON-ESSENTIAL ISSUES

HEALING ETHNIC DIVISION

16 HONOR PHOEBE! SHE'S LEGIT!

SAY HI TO THE GANG!

GENTILE **JEWISH**

5-8 ...CREATES A NEW HUMANITY

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JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH CREATES NEW HUMANITY

ADAM "HUMANITY"



SIN
SLAVERY
GOD'S JUDGMENT

JESUS "THE NEW ADAM"



FAITHFULNESS
OBEDIENCE
LOVE
LIFE

6

DEATH

LEAVE THIS HUMANITY!

BAPTISM

NEW LIFE!



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WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THE

A THE STORY OF THE TORAH
LAW? (TORAH)
B THE 613 COMMANDS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES

GOOD & SHOW GOD'S WILL

☒ DON'T LIE
☒ DON'T STEAL
☒ LOVE OTHERS
☒ DON'T COVET

THE PARADOX IS THE POINT!

MORE GUILTY!

THE SOLUTION: JESUS & THE SPIRIT

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MESSIAH

LAW'S INTENTIONAL

SPIRIT

RENEWED CREATION!

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Romans 6:14-15 (NIV)

14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. **15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

Romans 7:1-3 (NIV)

1 Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? **2** For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. **3** So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

Romans 7:4-6 (NIV)

4 So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. **5** For when we were in the realm of the flesh,^[a] the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. **6** But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Romans 7:7 (NIV)

7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not!

Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV)

36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Gal 5:14 (NIV)

14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Romans 7:8 (NIV)

8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.

Romans 7:9-10 (NIV)

9 Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. **10** I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.

Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV)

21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ **22** But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. . .

Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV)

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Romans 7:11 (NIV)

11 For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.

Genesis 4:6-7 (NIV)

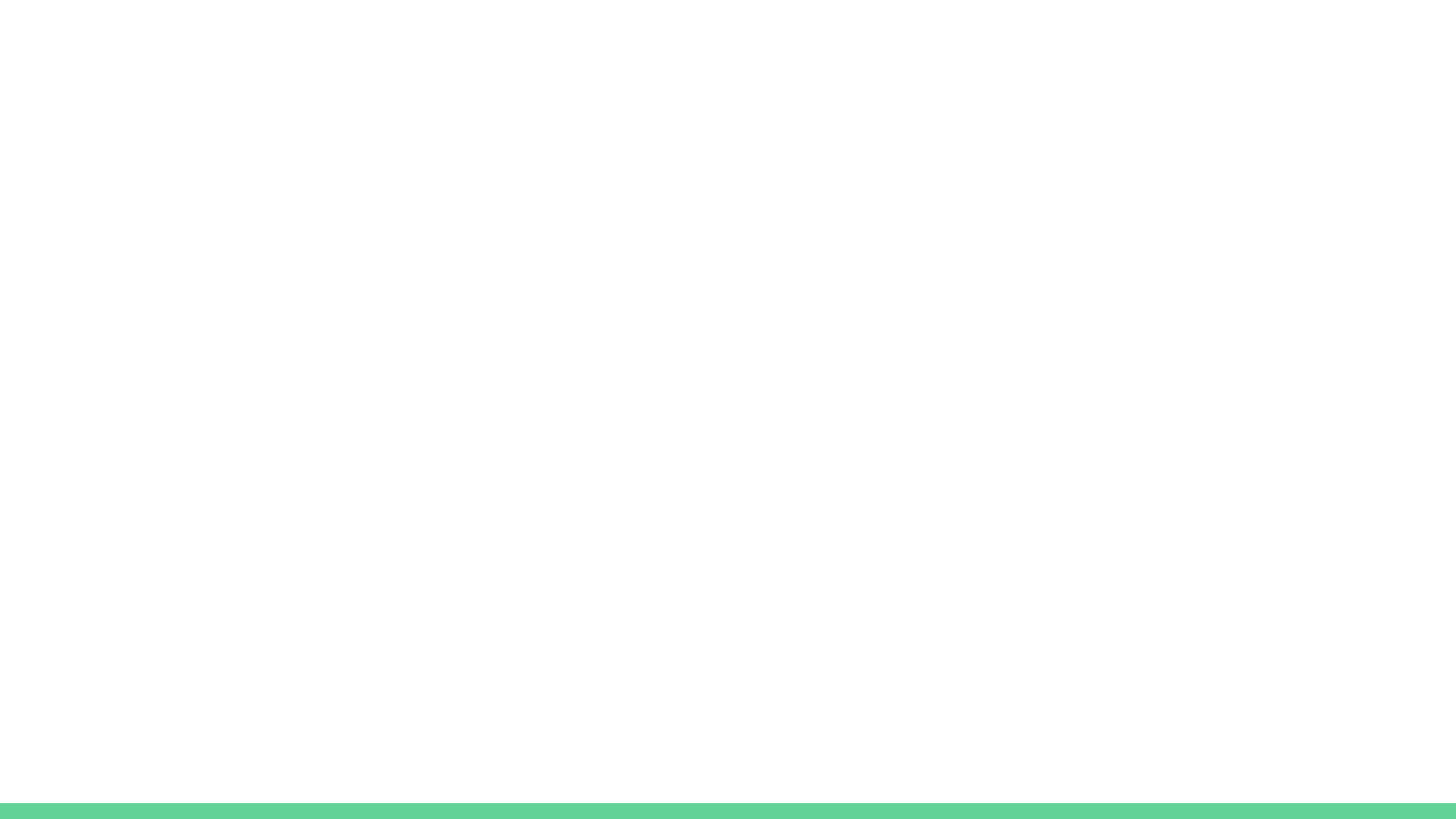
6 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? **7** If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Romans 7:12 (NIV)

12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

Romans 7:13 (NIV)

13 Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.



Gal 3:23-25 (NIV)

23 Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. **24** So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. **25** Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

Hebrews 10:1a (NIV)

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves.

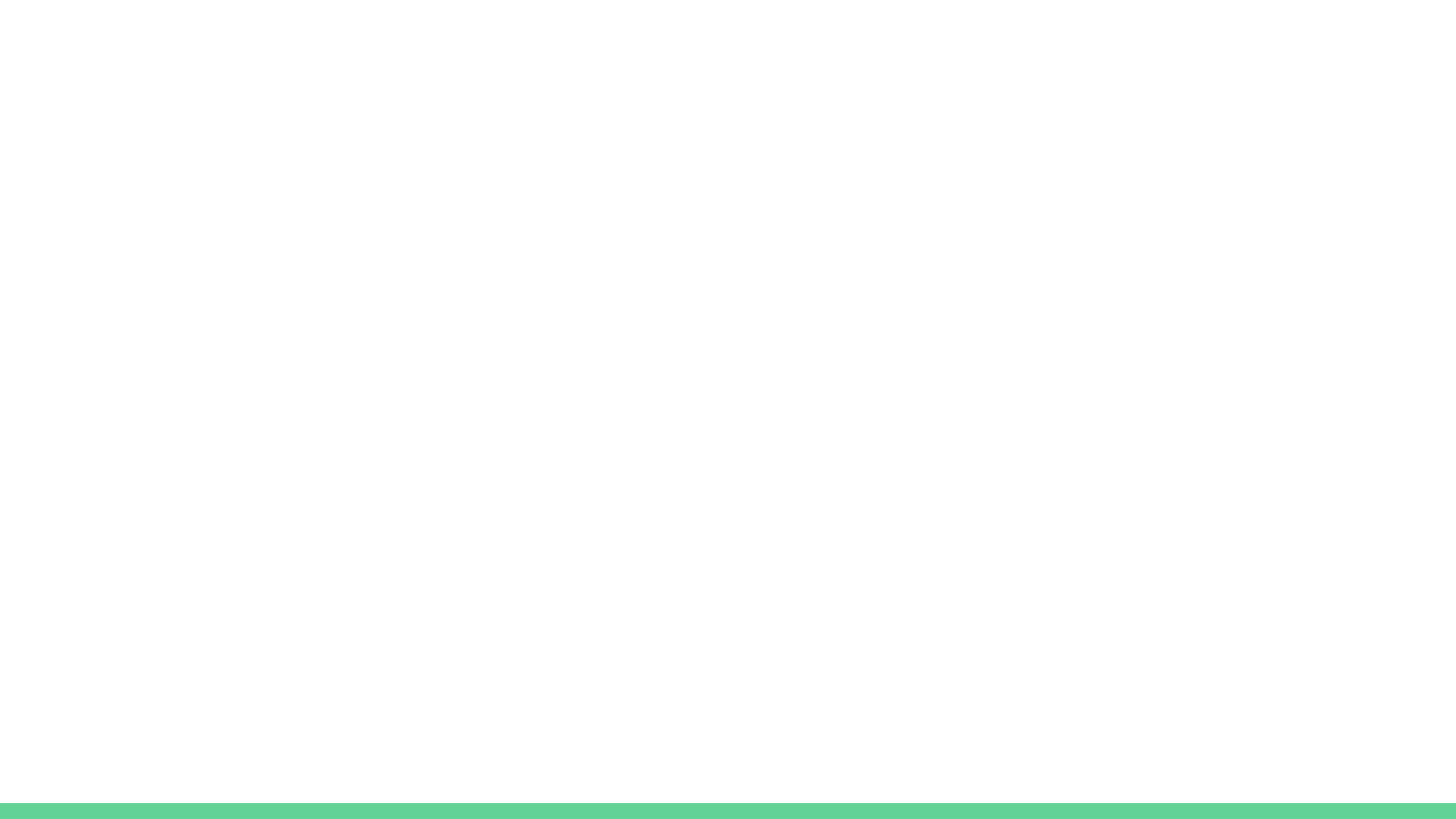
Hebrews 10:1a (NIV)

15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

16 “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord.
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.”

17 Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more.”



Romans 7:14 (NIV)

14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

Romans 7:15-16 (NIV)

15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. **16** And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

Romans 7:17-18 (NIV)

17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Gal 5:16-18 (NIV)

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Romans 7:19-21 (NIV)

19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

Romans 7:22-23 (NIV)

22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; **23** but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

Romans 7:24-25 (NIV)

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

25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Takeaway

- Be aware of the WAR!
- Rule following was never the point
- We are in a NEW COVENANT

