

Sunday, April 16, 2023
LAW OF THE SPIRIT

Today, let's talk to you about the Law of the Spirit. There are some who can't understand how those two can be included in the same sentence. Jesus' ministry was to set us free from the Law. Well, when we speak of the Law of the Spirit we're using the term "Law" as we would in speaking of the "law of gravity."

Law – the force and influence of an entity.

An object's law describes how it operates and the scope of its power. Today, we talk about the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-2 (NKJV)

Verse 1 is very important. There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus – who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Why is there no condemnation? Because that is not the way God deals with His children.

**There are two different forces connected to sin:
Condemnation: the result of judgment.**

The sin of the unbelieving carries with it the resulting affect of condemnation. The sin is against the law of God. Sin must be judged and therefore, for the unbeliever, sin still carries with it the knowledge of guilt and the realization of impending judgment.

Conviction: the result of relationship.

The sin of a believer carries with it a knowing that what was done does not line up with God's heart and Word. In this, the two appear similar. But this is where the intersect stops. The believer is not under law but under grace due to the lordship of Jesus. Grace means that our sin has been paid for by Jesus and we have been given the power to overcome the sin we are aware of. God is not our enemy but our Father. He is forgiving and stands ready to dispense power on our behalf. Condemnation is a part of the law of sin and death. When we practice sin which we must when we are unbelievers because it is part of our nature, we are assured that sin carries

within it the power that leads to death: spiritual, soul, and eventually, physical.

We are not condemned because we are perfect but because our sin has been judged and defeated.

Conviction is part of the Law of the Spirit of life. Rather than feeling impending doom when we sin, we feel the expectation of release.

The Law of the Spirit of life is stronger than the law of sin and death. Whatever sin you have operating in you has been overcome by the death of Jesus.

Romans 6:1-11 (NKJV)

The Spirit living in you puts sin to death and empowers you to live life free from sin. When we sin, we don't fear rejection by God because we have received the Spirit of adoption which tells us we are His and calls to God for release of the power to defeat the sin.

Today's Scriptures:

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