

## Romans 8:2-4

**8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

Again, the Spirit of Christ has made us FREE from the law of sin and death. This was done aside from any works we may have done. This is just part of the package of being IN CHRIST JESUS. Not only does the Lord say we are free from sin, but free from death: but all Christians and non-Christians die (Hebrews 9:27). He is referring to something in particular (Revelation 2:11; 20:5-6, 14). Notice if you partake of the first resurrection the second death has no power over you.

The first resurrection is divided into three parts:

1. Christ the firstfruits (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

- Christ's resurrection along with many of the Old Testament Saints (Matthew 27:52-53)
- This is pictured by the feast of first-fruits (Leviticus 23:10-11)

2. They that are Christ's at his coming (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

- The resurrection of the church of God: both dead and alive (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)
- This is pictured by the feast of trumpets (Leviticus 23:23-25)

\* There is a large time gap between Pentecost and the Feast of trumpets, which pictures the large time gap between the resurrection of Christ and the second coming of Christ.

3. Those that are resurrected just before the day of the LORD

- The resurrection of tribulations saints / 144,000 Jews (Revelation 11:7-13; 14:1-4).
- This is pictured by the feast of Tabernacles / Feast of Ingathering (Leviticus 23:33-36, Exodus 23:16)

**8:3-4 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

It is clear from the scripture, the Mosaic law could not do something: what was that? Give us righteousness (Romans 3:19-20, Galatians 3:19-25, Galatians 2:21). The law could not give us life (John 5:39-40). The reason why it couldn't give us righteousness and therefore life is because all have sinned, and with God one sin damns you (James 2:10). You say that's unreasonable. Is it?

I have a glass of pure water, 100% pure and clean. Now I just added 1% poison to it, who wants to drink it? Nobody why? Because 1% of poison mingled in defiles the whole thing and it would kill you. Likewise with God, you sin one time, you are completely defiled. That's why no matter how good you do, if you ever sinned in your life once, you are completely defiled and condemned by God.

A man lives a good life for 40 years. Then one day he commits murder. As he stands before the judge, he pleads with the judge and says, your honour, I did good my whole life, I worked, took care of my family, I helped the poor, etc. What will the judge say?

What does that have to do with this? You are on trial for murder, the evidence has been presented, it is clear you are guilty of murder. You know what happens? He is found guilty of murder and all the good things he may have done in his life don't matter at all, because he was found guilty of murder.

This is how the judgment works. Since all have sinned, no matter what good we may have done, we will still be found guilty by God of something, and whatever that something is, will condemn that man to the lake of fire forever.

**BUT GOD! God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:** As he sees the evidence presented and clearly sees this man is guilty, takes of his holy judgment robe and comes down from that throne and takes the punishment for us so we don't have to!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Then the judge says, you are guilty, you deserve to be punished, you deserved to die, BUT I just paid the price for you, you don't have to pay the price if you don't want to. What's your choice? The sane man says I don't want to pay that price, I'll accept the payment you made for me. And the sane man falls down and worships and praised God for what he has done for him.

The insane man says, I do not accept that form of payment, I can do it myself. I got myself into this mess, I can get myself out of it. And he ends up paying the price when he didn't have to.

The Bible is very clear on this matter. The law is holy, just, and good (Romans 7:12). There is nothing wrong with the law, but there is something wrong with us (Romans 7:13-14). The law is good if it is used lawfully, that is the right way (1 Timothy 1:8). Using the law to make peace with God and have sufficient righteousness to escape condemnation is not using the law lawfully. This is what most people do. The law is used lawfully when it is used to show how sinful we are and how we need mercy from God to escape judgment. That is were salvation is found. When a man realizes his wickedness and repents and asks God for mercy, he gets it!

Once we are saved, we now have the righteousness of the law fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

Read Romans 10:1-4.