



# **Romans 1-8**

**Positional Sanctification**

# ROMANS

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		JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
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The Justice of God Revealed

# Phases of Salvation

## Phase #1

Saved from the  
**Penalty** of sin

*Titus 3:5*

*Acts 16:31*

**Justification**



*"The Kingdom of God  
live by faith"*

**Believe**

## Phase #2

Saved from the  
**Power** of sin

*Philippians 2:12*

*James 1:21*

Salvation is by

**He saved us  
deeds which**

right

His

reg

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They said, "Believe in the  
His Lord Jesus, and you will be  
saved, you and your  
household." Acts 16:31

Therefore, putting  
aside all filthiness  
and all that  
remains of  
wickedness, in  
humility receive the  
word implanted,  
which is able to  
save your souls.

**James 1:21**

**Philippians 2:12**

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**H. Romans 7:1-6 – Practical ramifications of positional sanctification:** Understanding your old relationship to the Law and your new relationship with Christ

1. Let's define terms.

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- a) **Death** – When you see the word *death* (Greek: THANATOS) in the Bible, you must determine its meaning.
  - 1) The biblical term death does not mean annihilation or obliteration.
  - 2) The biblical concept of death conveys a state of separation, never the cessation of existence.

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- a. **Physical death** is the separation of the spirit and soul from the **body** (Genesis 5:5). The Bible teaches that even after death the soul and spirit continue to live.



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**b. Spiritual death** is the separation of the body, soul, and spirit from God, the Source and Giver of life; therefore, the Bible can speak of people being dead even though they are still physically alive.

Genesis 2:17, Ephesians 2:1, 5,  
Colossians 2:13

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- c. **Eternal death**, also called the second death, is separation from God for eternity in the terrible place called the Lake of Fire. Revelation 20:11-15
- d. **Relationship death** is a breech in fellowship and communication with another person. Also called by some **temporal death**. 1 Timothy 5:6, Revelation 3:1



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- 3) On the human level, physical death brings the end of the Law's jurisdiction.

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**b) Law**—When you see the word *law* (Greek: NOMOS) in the Bible, you must determine its meaning.

1) Law can refer to the civil laws that govern society. Romans 7:2, Daniel 6:8,15

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- 2) Law can also mean a principle found in nature or life (natural rule, law or gravity). Romans 8:2
- 3) Law can mean all Old Testament Scripture, OT Laws (more than 600), or even more specifically the Ten Commandments. Luke 16:16-17

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2. Romans 7:1-6 – Paul used the universal law *of marriage* to explain the important biblical concept of the believer being free from law (legalism) and beginning a new way of living with Christ.

a) Romans 7:1a – Paul wrote to believers who were versed in law, probably civil law.

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- b) Romans 7:1b – All human society is under the law's jurisdiction until death.
- c) Romans 7:2-3 – The laws that govern marriage exemplify our new condition.
  - 1) A married woman is under the *law of marriage*.

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- a. Romans 7:2 – Law binds a married woman to her husband as long as he lives.
- b. If he dies, she is freed from the jurisdiction of the *law of marriage*.



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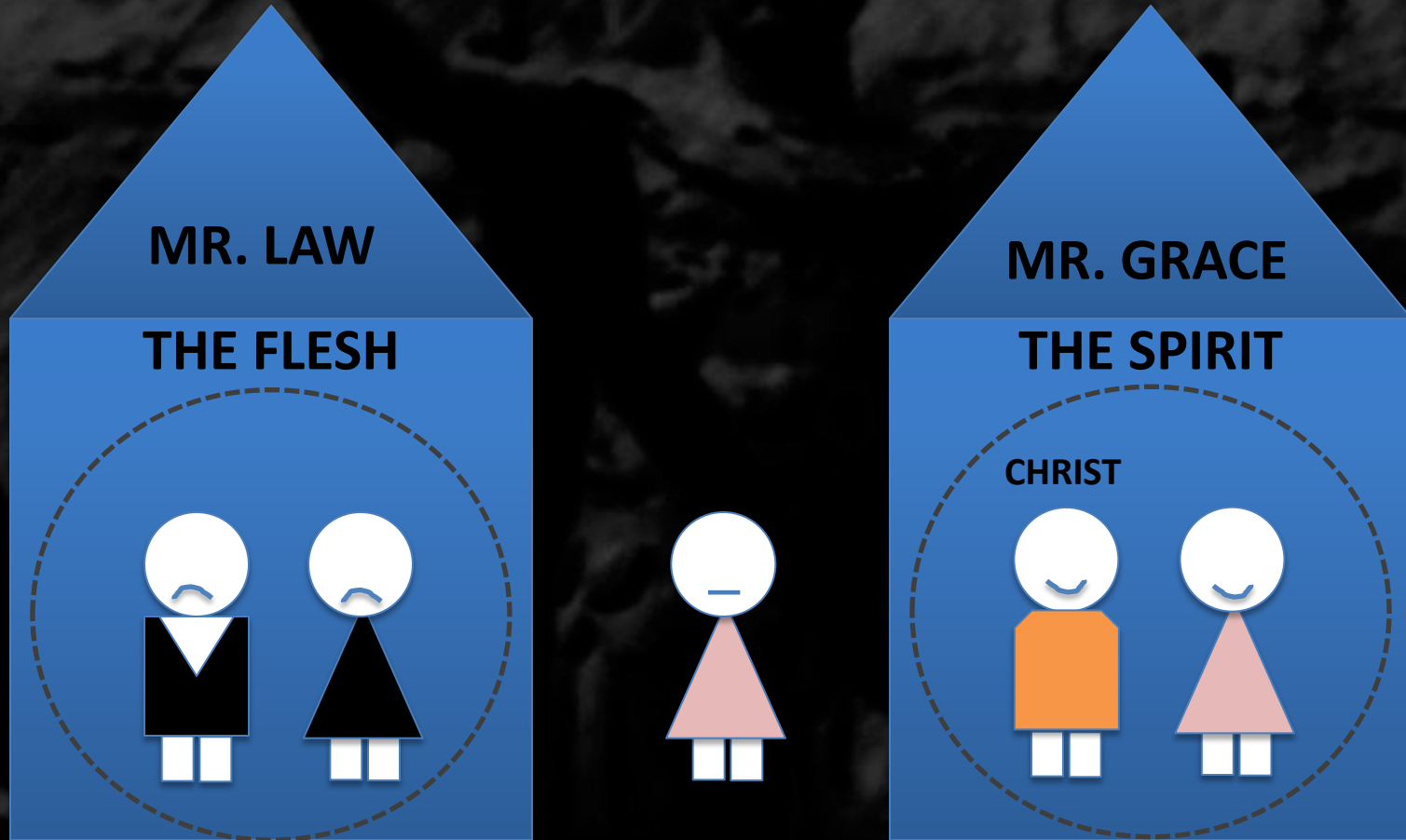
- c. Romans 7:3 – If she is joined to another while her husband is still living, then under the *law of marriage*, she is an adulteress.
- d. But, if her husband dies, she is free from the reaches of the *law of marriage* and totally free to marry another.

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- 2) At the death of her husband, she also dies to (is separated from) the jurisdiction or realm of the *law of marriage*.

# “From Bondage to Liberty”

Galatians 7:1-6



“Law of Marriage”

“Law of Marriage”

Gal 3:1-5 / 2 Cor 11:2-3

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d) Romans 7:4 – Understanding this principle will save you from a life of legalism. Put your thinking cap on.

1) Romans 7:4a – A death also separated you from the jurisdiction of law.

a. Christ's death separated you from the Law's reaches and ultimately from trying to please God and gain His acceptance through legalism.

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- b. You were co-crucified with Christ and, thus, released from a life of bondage to the law. You do not have to try to gain God's love and acceptance by living under the crushing weight of your works and obedience to Law. Galatians 2:20, 3:1-5

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2) Romans 7:4b – Like a married woman who is freed by a death from the law of marriage, you also were freed from the realm and reach of law by your death together with Christ on the cross. Colossians 2:13-14



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- 3) Romans 7:4c – *You were made to die to the Law.* Law no longer has jurisdiction over you. Christ moved you into a different realm under which you are to live.
- 4) Romans 7:4d – *So that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead.* You are now married to Christ and thus have Him as your loving Husband, who constantly assists you in living life.

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- 5) What results from your relationship with Christ? You can now bear fruit (children, offspring, good deeds, etc.) for God without the burden of the Old Testament Law on your shoulders. The very thing that legalism could never do, God now does. Acts 15:8-11; Romans 8:3

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- e) Romans 7:5 – When you were still in the flesh (as an unbeliever married to law), here's what happened.
  - 1) Romans 7:5a – The law aroused your sinful passions.
  - 2) Romans 7:5b – Your sinful passions expressed themselves through the members of your body.
  - 3) Romans 7:5c – Your sinful passions bore fruit for death in the members of your body.

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- f) Romans 7:6 – How should your life be now that you are married to Christ?
  - 1) Romans 7:6a – Christ released you from the Law (bondage and legalism).

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- 2) Romans 7:6b – You died to that to which you were bound (the law and the resulting slavery to the passions of your flesh). Colossians 2:20-23
- 3) Now you are able to live in newness of the Spirit with the following results:  
2 Corinthians 3:4-8



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- a. Romans 7:6c – You serve in the freshness and vigor of the Holy Spirit.
- b. Romans 7:6d – You no longer serve in the oldness, strain, and heaviness of the Letter (another term for the Law).