

Good Morning

We are thankful for you

Hymn: #383, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nov. 18, 2025

Things to Know

- Thanksgiving Break: Next Tuesday, Nov. 25
- REMINDER: Christmas Brunch: Tuesday, Dec. 2—Register today!
- **A Way Out Ministries: Our mission is to combat sexual exploitation, inform citizens of the harms of pornography, and rescue and restore the exploited.
- www.awoministries.org
- Recommended books:
- Taking God At His WORD, Why the Bible is Knowable, Necessary, and Enough, and What That Means for You and Me, Kevin DeYoung
- Knowing God & Concise Theology, J.I. Packer
- Respectable Sins, Confronting the Sins We Tolerate, Jerry Bridges
- New Living Translation Bible (contemporary language, to supplement ESV translation)

Justification: Rom. 3:21-5:21

**to declare not guilty (in right standing with the law);
the act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous in Christ on the
basis of the finished work of Christ on the Cross—once and for all**

What changes for the Believer at that moment?

Separated from the penalty of sin

Receives a new nature

Sin nature: in Adam, "flesh"; capacity to sin

New nature: capacity—and desire—to resist sinning, capacity for godliness—>

Why? Because the Holy Spirit lives inside believers

Sanctification: Rom. 6-8

to set apart for special use; to be made holy

a. Positional: the state of believers when they are born again

b. Progressive: growing in holiness & Christ-likeness, spiritual maturity;
lifelong process

What changes for the believer? separated from the power of sin

*The sin battle is real.

*BUT we are no longer under the control of sin., Rom. 6:6

c. Permanent: complete, ultimate holiness (glorification)

What changes for the believer? separated from the presence of sin

Set Free!, Part 2

Romans 7

I. The State of the Christian's Life, 1-6

II. The Struggle of the Christian's Life, 7-24

A. The Law Fulfills Its Purpose, 7-13

B. The Law Has No Power, 14-24

III. The Solution to the Struggle of the Christian's Life, 24-25

Main Truth: Jesus Christ has delivered His people from the body of death (sin), but the struggle between the law of God and the law of sin is real and ongoing.

I. The State of the Christian's Life, 1-6

A. Released from the Law, 1-3

B. Joined to Christ, 4-6

1. New Life, 4a

***motivation changes**

2. New Relationship, 4b

3. New Purpose, 4c

4. New Way, 6

How is a believer's relationship with the Law changed?

- 1) New heart, Ezekiel 36:26**
- 2) New love for the Law, Psalm 119:97; Jeremiah 31:31-33**
- 3) New power for life**
- 4) New Freedom**

II. The Struggle of the Christian's Life, 7-23

A. The Law Fulfills Its Purpose, 7-13

- 1. Reveals Sin, 7**
- 2. Provokes Sin, 8**
- 3. Shows Us Our Need, 9-13**
- 4. Kills, 10-11**
- 5. Shows the Sinfulness of Sin, 12-13**

B. The Law Has No Power, 14-24

- 1. To Change Me, 14**
- 2. To Enable Me to Do Good, 15-20**
- 3. To Set Me Free, 21-24**

III. The Solution to the Struggle of the Christian's Life, 24-25

***Run to Jesus (the Gospel, the Good News)**

- 1. Remember your union with Christ.**
- 2. Be realistic; make practical adjustments/changes**
 - a. Recognize sin as sin.**
 - b. Remove yourself.**
 - c. Replace.**
 - d. Re-engage with the means of grace.**
 - e. Rely on the Holy Spirit.**
 - f. Repent. (Live a lifestyle of repentance.)**