



**GOD'S POWER
FOR SALVATION**

ROMANS

Romans 7:18

**I have the desire to do what is right,
but not the ability to carry it out.
For I do not do the good I want to do,
but the evil I don't want to do,
I keep on doing.**

Romans 7:21-25

**So I find it to be a law that when I want
to do right, evil lies close at hand.**

**For I delight in the law of God in my
inner being, but I see in my members...**

Romans 7:21-25

...another law waging war against the
law of my mind and making me a
prisoner to the law of sin that dwells
in my members.

Romans 7:21-25

**Wretched man that I am! Who will set
me free from this body of death?**

**Thanks be to God through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Romans 7:25

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**In Romans 7, Paul shows us
that believers still wrestle
with indwelling sin.**

**If we try to overcome the law of sin and death
by trying harder to keep the law,
we will fail miserably.**

**You cannot live the Christian life
by will-power and trying harder.
Trying harder only brings more
failure and self-condemnation.**

**The Gospel of Jesus in the
power of the Spirit enables us
to live the kind of life that
God desires for his people.**

**If you belong to Christ, you are not
condemned by God when you sin.**

To condemn: katakrima

- To pronounce an unfavorable or adverse judgment on

To condemn: katakrima

- To express strong disapproval

To condemn: katakrima

- To censure, to sentence to punishment, to condemn to imprisonment, to pronounce guilty, to declare incurable.

**If you are in Christ, sin has lost its power
to separate you relationally from God.**

God does not condemn you
for your ongoing struggle with sin.

And if God doesn't condemn you,
you have no right to condemn yourself.

**We tend to think that we move in and out
of condemnation as we move in and out of sin.**

**God is not angry with you for wanting
to do right, but coming up short.**

You are I are born into the system
of the *law of sin and death*.

The Good News is that
God has introduced a
brand-new system called the
law of the Spirit of life in Christ.

**Even though both systems are in operation,
the Spirit of life system can override
the power of the sin and death system.**

Jesus paid sin's condemning
death penalty for us
by dying on the Cross,
and in so doing,
he condemned sin in the flesh.

**Because of what Jesus
did for us on the Cross,
we are not condemned,
but sin is condemned.**

What does that mean?

**You are no longer condemned
when you sin and you are
no longer a prisoner to sin.**

**God doesn't condemn you when you sin,
but he does condemn sin.**

When you sin: Deny none of it. Confess all of it.

And, rest in God's promise:

"Because of Jesus, I am uncondemnable."

**Jesus' life lived through us leads us
to fulfill God's law apart from the law.**

Romans 13:8-10

8 Owe no one anything, except to
love each other, **for the one who loves
another has fulfilled the law.**

Romans 13:8-10

9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Romans 13:8-10

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**

**Uncondemnable people learn
to walk according to the Spirit.
They learn to "mind" the
things of the Spirit.**

(Romans 8:5-8)

**Your life is shaped by
what preoccupies your mind.**

**The Spirit assures us that
we are no longer slaves to sin.
We are children of God.**

**Because of Jesus,
I am uncondemnable!**