



**GOD'S POWER
FOR SALVATION**

ROMANS

**Religion is our attempt
to connect with God
by doing good things
and avoiding bad things.**

**We're caught in a struggle
of wanting to do right,
but not ever being able
to consistently pull it off.**

**Or do you not know my brothers—
for I am speaking
to those who know the law.**

Romans 7:1

**In Christ, we have died to sin
and we have died to the law.**

**If you don't understand
Romans 7:6,
you don't understand
the Christian life.**

Religion is about trying hard to live
by laws and lists of rules.

Christianity is about living in
a new kind of relationship with God
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Why the Law is Good:

1. The Law defines sin for us.

Why the Law is Good:

2. The Law exposes sin in us.

Why the Law is Good:

3. The law stimulates sin in us.



**Do Not Walk
on the Grass**

NOTICE



**Wet paint
Do not
touch**

**DO NOT
PUSH
BUTTON**

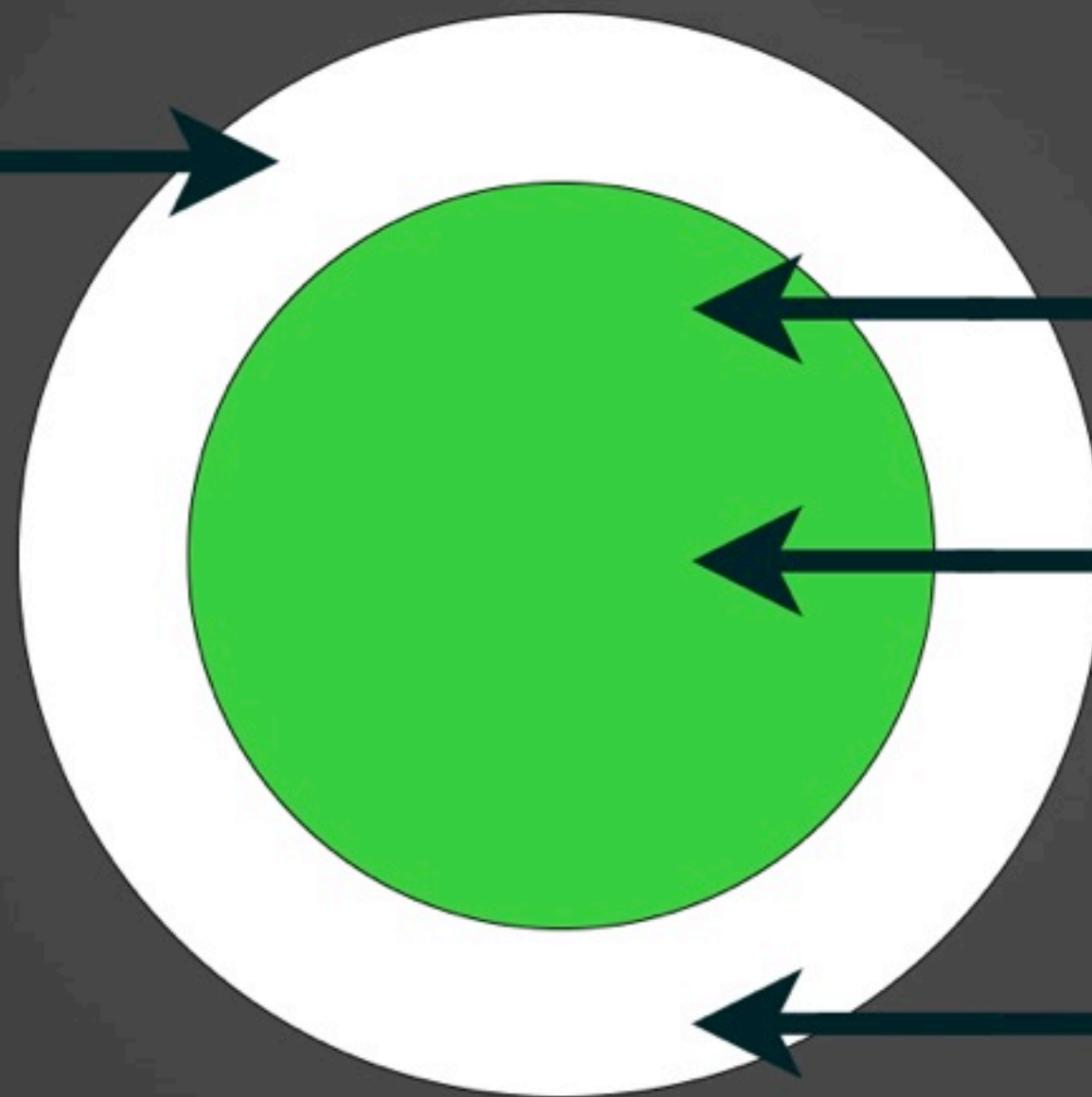


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and it *stimulates* sin in me.

BASIC CHRISTIAN ANATOMY

I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. (7:22,23)

FLESH
Unredeemed mortality,
still attracted and subject
to sin desires (v. 14)
Energized by Inborn and
Ingrained Self-protecting and
Self-enhancing Patterns
of Thinking and Behaving



INNER MAN

Redeemed "New Man"
Attracted to God,
Energized by the Holy Spirit,
The Immaterial, Immortal
"Real" You

No longer am I
the one doing it,
but sin which dwells in me.
(7:17, 20)

... that is, in my flesh (7:18).

**He sees himself as
a two-part person
living under two
conflicting laws.**

Galatians 5

17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not able to do whatever you want.

Galatians 5

**18 But if you are led by the Spirit,
you are not under law.**

Romans 7

6 We are released from the law, having died to that which held us prisoner, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

If you try to deal with your struggle with sin by trying harder to obey more rules, you will not weaken the pull of sin in your flesh, you will only strengthen it, and you will make yourself miserable in the process.

**Just as the law cannot save us
from the penalty of our sins,
neither can it save us
from the power of sin.**

**Romans 7 is a common
experience of all believers
but it is not a description
of the *normal* Christian life.**

**Trying harder to obey
more rules only makes
our struggle worse.**

**The problem is sin in me and
the answer is Jesus living in me.
*Thanks be to God, Jesus has set me
free from the power of sin.***

**The starting point for living in
the "new way of the Spirit"
begins with understanding that
Jesus lives in you so he
can live his life through you.**

**You live the Christian life,
the same way you
entered the Christian life.**

**I have been crucified with Christ
so it's no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me and
the life I now live in this mortal body,
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.**

Thanks be to God!

Sin has no power over me.

Jesus you have set me free,

today, live your life through me.