

Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ

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Life in Christ Jesus

There is a law that every human becomes an expert in at some point in their existence. From the infant to the elderly, from the drifter to the aerospace engineer, all of us are students of this law and continually gain new understanding on how to function under its domain. This law I speak of is called the law of gravity. Everything upon planet earth is affected and bound by its power. Nothing breaks this law, but we all learn to compensate and deal with it. An airplane may seem to break the law of gravity, but that is only an illusion. A 707 jet airliner will burn through roughly 13000 lbs of jet fuel an hour as it struggles to stay airborne against the unrelenting pull of gravity. An infant must learn how to exert energy to compensate for gravity before he or she can even roll over or begin to crawl. Absolute "laws" such as the law of gravity are defined as *"something to which there is no exception."*

The word of God speaks of another such law which it calls *"the law of sin and death."* Romans 8:2 This *"law of sin and death"* is not a commandment, but rather it is a description of the dominion under which humanity has lived since the transgression of Adam. The apostle Paul tells what this *"law"* is and when it gained its dominion when he says that *"by one man **sin** entered into the world, **and death** by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"* Romans 5:12 The entrance of **sin and death**

(condemnation) into the world changed everything. Its power became absolute. This is verified by the fact Paul reminds us of, saying; *“for that all have sinned.”* If only *“almost everyone”* had sinned, this would not be an absolute *“law.”* But because everyone other than Jesus Christ (who was not of the earth, but was the Lord from heaven I Corinthians 15:47) has fallen to sin's dominance, it is evident that this IS an absolute *“law.”* No one breaks this *“law of sin and death.”* People just learn to compensate and deal with it. All carnal religion in some form is seeking to equip mankind to survive and excel under its relentless oppression.

The apostle Paul tells us about the workings of this *“law”* in the 7th chapter of Romans. As Saul of Tarsus, he was an expert at compensating and excelling under its dominion, but just as a jet cannot stay airborne forever, Saul of Tarsus found that this *“law”* never stopped pulling him down into captivity. He wrote; *“I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.”* Romans 7:21-23 Indeed, every experience of every person under this *“law of sin and death”* teaches us that it is unbreakable insomuch that anyone who even hints that you can be free from this *“law”* is thought a fool. But what about the word of God? Is it a fool?

Listen to what the apostle Paul says concerning this matter: *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus **hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**”* Romans 8:2 How foolish is that

statement? When every experience of humanity has proven to us that this *"law of sin and death"* is absolute in its dominion, how can Paul say such a thing? The answer is simple. He had discovered that in Christ there was another *"absolute law"* that superseded the *"law of sin and death."* This greater *"law"* he called ***"the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus!"***

Those whose life is IN Christ Jesus are made free from *"the law of sin and death"* and its dominion over mankind. Those who live in Christ Jesus do not struggle with either sin or condemnation, because Christ has delivered them from the bondage of sin and the condemnation that always accompanies it. Sin is washed from their heart and nature by the shed blood of Christ Revelation 1:5 and their old man of sin is crucified with Christ where the body of sin is destroyed. Romans 6:6 The gospel of Christ does not teach us how to compensate and deal with *"the law of sin and death."* It makes us FREE from it! Those who protest such a thing are choosing to live under *"the law of sin and death"* and will never know the victory and freedom of *"the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus"* until they begin to hold the authority of the word of God over the authority of their carnal experience.