



EXPECTATIONS FOR THE NORMAL WAR

part 4

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The Law

Romans 7:1 Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?

² For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

³ So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man.

⁴ Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

⁵ For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were *aroused* by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.

⁶ But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

The Law Meets Indwelling Sin

⁷ What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet."

⁸ But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead.

⁹ And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died;

¹⁰ and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;

¹¹ for sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me.

¹² So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³ Therefore did that which is good become *a cause of* death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

Add The Flesh and The Mind

¹⁴ For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

¹⁵ For that which I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ But if I do the very thing I do not wish *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that it is good.

¹⁷ So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not.

¹⁹ For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish.

²⁰ But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

²¹ I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good.

²² For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

²³ 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.

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

Add Union with The Trinity

God Justifies Us

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

God Indwells Us and We Set Our Minds on Him

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

³ For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

⁴ in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

⁵ For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*;

⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

God Unites Us with Himself

⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

God Gives Us Life

¹⁰ And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

God Resurrects Us

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

¹² So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

God Leads and Empowers Us and We Follow Him in Battle

¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

God Adopts Us

¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

God Makes Us His Heirs

¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.