James #42

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Open up where we left off, in Romans chapter 8 RF.

This current study is pointing out the three culprits behind temptation and pressure…the Cosmic System the Devil and his army and the OSN.

We are currently looking at the OSN and this is going to be a few hours of teaching.

God the HS pressed it upon my heart to really slow down and focus on this area of temptation and pressure…the Adamic nature.

The grace of God increases in direct proportion to the development of the Believer’s capacity for blessing from accurate application of the two power options.

As a Believer grows through the function of GAP, grace increases over time.

Arrogance, legalism, human effort, habitual sins decrease the grace of GOD.

Until that Bel turns back to the Justice System of GOD, then grace will once again abundantly open wide.

Romans chapter seven flows right into chapter 8 with a statement of positional sanctification.

In chapter seven we noted the Apostle Paul presented the spiritual battle of the old man against the new man.

He references the legal divorce of the dead husband and the marriage to the new husband TLJC.

The pressure of the OSN is handled by the victory we have in Christ.

/Rom 8:1 Therefore there is now **no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus**.

A declaration of the doctrine of Positional Sanctification.\

[Rom 8:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/2/s_1054002) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

The ripping of the veil in the temple signified a new era, the new law of the CA a law of the Spirit. The Dispensation of Isarel was halted…it was completely interrupted.

That 2-foot, thick veil, was supernaturally torn down the middle as Christ gave HIMSELF over to death.

This had an incredible spiritual meaning.

You are now a Believer priest in the CA – you go directly to GOD and name and cite any sins. Your temple is within your soul.

There it is, the answer to the conditional sins we fall into – your position is secured.

/The same mentality you had at salvation is what sustains you through the temporal battlefield of life. You are locked into eternal security, in UNION with Christ. Yet now when we fail in our daily condition, we look again to the person and work of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge the sin and accept the power and work of Christ.\

[Rom 8:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/3/s_1054003) 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,

The perfect grace plan of GOD.

Our LORD was impeccable and yet in our likeness (humanity), Jesus walked among us, Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union.

Emmanuel - GOD was among us.

/[Rom 8:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/4/s_1054004) so that the requirement of the Law might be **fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit**.

MIGHT be fulfilled (a conditional clause)…free will matters before and after salvation. You can walk in emotional, chain sinning, struggling on your own, or walk according to the SPIRIT.\

Verse 4 – points to our victory in Christ, if we want to walk in it. There are three interesting principles to be noted here:

/1) If God provides something with a restriction or a limit (Mosaic law), He also provides something with a total purpose, which is usually the final result or reality of the earlier shadow/analogy (Salvation in Christ or spirituality in a temporal walk, rebound). Many prophecies highlighted events that took place immediately, yet all pointed ahead to something larger on the horizon (end times).\

All of the rituals, holy days and commands, teachings and even the physical temple itself of the OT. Also, everything in it, had great meaning and value in that historic point.

Yet all that pointed ahead to the coming Messiah as well.

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/ 2) Rom 8:4 - is a purpose clause, a continuation of the previous verse and it is expressingthe eternal victory of that divine righteousness imputed after salvation. It speaks to what you can walk in right now in time if you choose.

 3) The victory of imputed righteousness is the means to leading us into spiritual maturity. “*That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us”****.*** The protocol is being filled by the HS, growing in the mind of Christ.\

The legal requirement of the law is that in order to receive blessing from God you have to be as good as God.

That was seen in the Mosaic Law as well as in the CA law of the full grace plan of God the Father.

We are under the law of Christ now.

God is perfect, divine holiness and pure righteousness.

This is a legal requirement which cannot be fulfilled in the flesh. It can never be fulfilled by flawed creatures forcing themselves to attempt the act of pure righteousness by keeping the law.

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/Divine justice can only bless perfect righteousness – it is an uncompromising rule of a pure and righteous system of justice. The integrity of God, composed of divine righteousness and justice, is the legal custodian of the attributes of God. This is what all things are filtered through in eternity past. The attributes of God cannot be compromised in God’s dealings with His creations. This is why we are given the very righteousness of Christ at salvation.\

This is the perfect plan of GOD the Father and we are given complete freedom to accept or deny, to apply or reject this plan.

Yet all decisions have repercussions - all actions have reactions.

Rom 8:5 For those who are in accord with the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are in accord with the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

At any given moment a Christian is in the new nature or old nature – thinking BD or human viewpoint. There is no gray area…no middle ground.

/All of our blessings from salvation to eternal rewards and crowns… all of it, flow through the grace pipeline. Entrance into that grace pipeline was established in eternity past through the justice system of God. Only the status of spiritual maturity provides the capacity for blessing necessary for glorification of Christ and having a full, appreciation of the source of real imputation.\

Capacity matters RF!

In eternity past, GOD wanted to show you HIS abundant grace and mercy. Yet HE could never neglect HIS own righteousness and justice. Therefore, HIS full grace plan had to be filtered through HIS own justice system. REPEAT

Most Christians are clueless to these very facts.

Therefore, their minds are focused on the wrong things.

/[Rom 8:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/6/s_1054006) For the mind set on the flesh is death, but **the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace**,

What you fill your soul with determines what you think and then in turn what you will apply in any given moment.\

The only way you will ever have a calm assurance and inner tranquility, a relaxed mental attitude… no matter what happens around you, is seen in what you set your mind on.

What resides in the soul structure.

Rom 8:7 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,*

This is a matter-of-fact statement, the Apostle Paul is telling us the cold hard facts, most Bels are actually hostile toward GOD.

/[Rom 8:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/8/s_1054008) and those who are in **the flesh cannot please**(*areskō*) **God.**

Being of the same mind, to be in compliance with another. The flesh is incapable of agreeing with God or being in compliance with BD.\

AR-ESS-KO, this means to agree, or think or even move in the same manner as another. To strive alongside of another.

It tells us in the Greek present tense, that the flesh will never and has never pleased God.

This is written for the sake of Bels.

The old sin nature is that which was developed originally by Adam’s fall, his free will became curious and frustrated by what the woman and the serpent pointed out to him.

This gave birth to the OSN.

The first Adam was the one who handed down this nature to all of us at the point of physical birth. It is the source of the soul’s rebellion toward God.

There are three categories of thinking in sin which are hostile to God;

/***Mental attitude sins***; are hostile thinking toward God—arrogance, jealousy, bitterness, fear, worry, malice, the guilt complex, …etc.

***Human good***; the planning or plotting of strength in the flesh. The focus of human viewpoint and cosmic system ideology to prove righteousness or attempt to gain ground with God.

***The mental attitude of evil***; habitually combining either human good, self- righteousness. Or lascivious patterns that function as a ruler of your life where the OSN is given greater authority.\

Let us close today looking at Galatians chapter five.

All of this type of thinking is problematic for the Christian; it sets up opposition toward the power and plan of God in your life.

This is all in the depth of the soul, it is an issue of thinking that leads to action eventually.

You are what you think… that has a great deal of truth in that statement!

/Gal 5:16 But **I say, walk**(*peripateō*) **by the Spirit**, and **you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.**

Present, active, imperative – keep on marching and dwelling in this manner! It is a command, directed at the responsibility of the Christian.\

Present tense - keep on dwelling, marching and walking in this fashion.

The active voice - points to the Believer’s responsibility.

The Imperative mood – this is not a suggestion.

PERRI-PET-AT-O, was often referenced in military terms to march in a certain order.

To conduct yourself, to regulate yourself - all pointing to a lifestyle.

/[Gal 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/17/s_1096017) For **the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit**, and the Spirit against the flesh; for **these are in opposition to one another**, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want.

Until the Bel can recognize the battlefield and the attacks from within, they will always have feelings of despair, frustration and apathy toward the spiritual life.\

[Gal 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/18/s_1096018) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

***IF*** is a first-class condition, this is true, it is a dogmatic statement of fact.

We all face the great challenge and temptations of the OSN.

God knew this in eternity past and set up a plan so gracious and simple, it only requires the humility to take responsibility.

You see the OSN hates being exposed as the problem, it hates recognizing it is flawed and weak.

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/Ecc 7:20 Indeed, **there is not a righteous person on earth** who always does good and does not *ever* sin.

Phl 3:12 Not that I have already grasped *it all* or **have already become perfect**, but **I press on**if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. 13Brothers *and sisters,* I do not regard myself as having taken hold of *it yet;* but **one thing *I do:* forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead**,\

This is how you deal with a sin issue RF.

/Psa 19:12 Who can discern *his* errors? **Acquit me of hidden *faults****.* 13 Also **keep Your servant back from presumptuous *sins****;* Let them not rule over me; **Then I will be innocent**, And I will be blameless of great wrongdoing.\

Let us close today in Psalms 103.

The closer you draw to GOD the closer HE becomes intimate in your life.

This has to begin with and also maintain a consistent washing of sin.

All GOD expects is a responsible child and one who wants to walk alongside HIM.

HE is not expecting sinless perfection.

/1Jhn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Psa 130:3 If You, LORD, were to keep *account of* guilty deeds, Lord, who could stand?\

Psa 103:10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our guilty deeds.

[Psa 103:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/103/11/s_581011) For as high as the heavens are above the earth,So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him.

Those who truly respect and honor HIM.

/[Psa 103:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/103/12/s_581012) As far as the east is from the west,So far has He removed our wrongdoings from us.\

[Psa 103:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/103/13/s_581013) Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, So theLORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

[Psa 103:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/103/14/s_581014) For He Himself knows our form; He is mindful that we are *nothing but* dust.

/Psa 78:37 For their heart was not steadfast toward Him, Nor were they faithful with His covenant. 38 But He, being compassionate, forgave their wrongdoing and did not destroy *them;* And often He restrained His anger and did not stir up all His wrath. 39 So He remembered that they were *only* flesh, A wind that passes and does not return.\