

New Testament

ROMANS

Greek Exegesis

Lesson 29
Romans 8:1-4

VERSE 1

Οὐδὲν ἄρα νῦν κατάκριμα τοῖς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, [μὴ
Not even one then now judgment against the ones in Christ Jesus, [not

κατὰ σάρκα περιπατοῦσιν, ἀλλὰ κατὰ πνεῦμα.]
according to flesh walking, but according to Spirit.]

VERSE 2

ὁ γὰρ νόμος τοῦ πνεύματος τῆς ζωῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ
the for law the of Spirit the of life in Christ Jesus

ἠλευθέρωσε(ν) με (σε) ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου τῆς ἁμαρτίας καὶ τοῦ
freed me (you) from the law the of sin and the

θανάτου.
of death.

VERSE 3

τὸ γὰρ ἀδύνατον τοῦ νόμου, ἐν ᾧ ἡσθένει διὰ τῆς
the for inability the of law, in which it was weak through the

σαρκός, ὁ Θεὸς τὸν ἑαυτοῦ υἱὸν πέμψας ἐν ὁμοιώματι
flesh, the God the of Himself Son having sent in likeness

σαρκὸς ἁμαρτίας καὶ περὶ ἁμαρτίας κατέκρινε(ν) τὴν
of flesh of sin and concerning sin judged the

ἁμαρτίαν ἐν τῇ σαρκί·
sin in the flesh;

VERSE 4

ἵνα τὸ δικαίωμα τοῦ νόμου πληρωθῇ ἐν ἡμῖν,
in order that the righteous judgment the of law might be fulfilled in us,

τοῖς μὴ κατὰ σάρκα περιπατοῦσιν, ἀλλὰ κατὰ πνεῦμα.
the ones not according to flesh walking, but according to Spirit.

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It's purpose: Not meant to produce life but to make sin known

Laws Two and Three

Romans 7:13-25 The Law of Sin

The Law of the Mind

Law Four

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Romans 7:25

Therefore then on the one hand, I myself am serving with the mind the Law of God, but on the other hand with the flesh the Law of Sin.

Law One: The Law of God (Romans 6:1 - 7:12)

**Its purpose - not meant to produce life,
but to make sin known.**

Law Two: The Law of Sin (Romans 7:13-25)

- 1) The Law of Sin dwells in the members of the flesh**
- 2) The flesh (human) has been sold under the sin**
- 3) There is no good thing in the flesh**
- 4) The sin in the flesh is warring against the law of the mind and is leading it captive in the Law of Sin**
- 5) We are serving the Law of Sin in our flesh**

Law Three: The Law of the Mind (Romans 7:13-25)

- 1) The mind is not the brain, but the regenerated perceptive abilities of the mind, which is the mind of Christ**
- 2) The Law of the Mind is in the inward man, not the flesh**
- 3) With the mind a believer desires to do the will of God and to keep the law, but the mind perceives that there is no human ability to do it or keep it**
- 4) With the mind we are serving the Law of God**

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Diagrams

Line 2902:

(3133) **Οὐδέν**

Not even one

Line 2903:

(3134) **ἄρα**

then

Line 2904:

(3135) **νῦν**

now

Line 2905:

(3136) **κατάκριμα**

judgment against

Line 2906:

(3137) **τοῖς**

the ones

Line 2907:

(3138) **ἐν**

in

(3139) **Χριστῷ**

Christ

(3140) **Ἰησοῦ,**

Jesus,

Line 2908:

[(3141) **μῆ**]

[not]

Line 2909:

[(3142) **κατὰ**

↑ [according

(3143) **σάρκα]**

to flesh]

Line 2910:

[(3144) **περιπατοῦσιν,**

[walking,] ↓

Line 2911:

[(3145) **ἀλλὰ**

[but] ↘

Line 2912:

[(3146) **κατὰ**

[according to

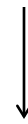
(3147) **πνεῦμα.]**

spirit.]

Line 2913:

(3148) ὁ
the

Line 2914:

(3149) γὰρ
for

Line 2915:

(3150) νόμος
law

Line 2916:

(3151) τοῦ
the

Line 2917:

(3152) πνεύματος
of Spirit

Line 2918:

(3153) τῆς
the

Line 2919:

(3154) ζωῆς
of life

Line 2920:

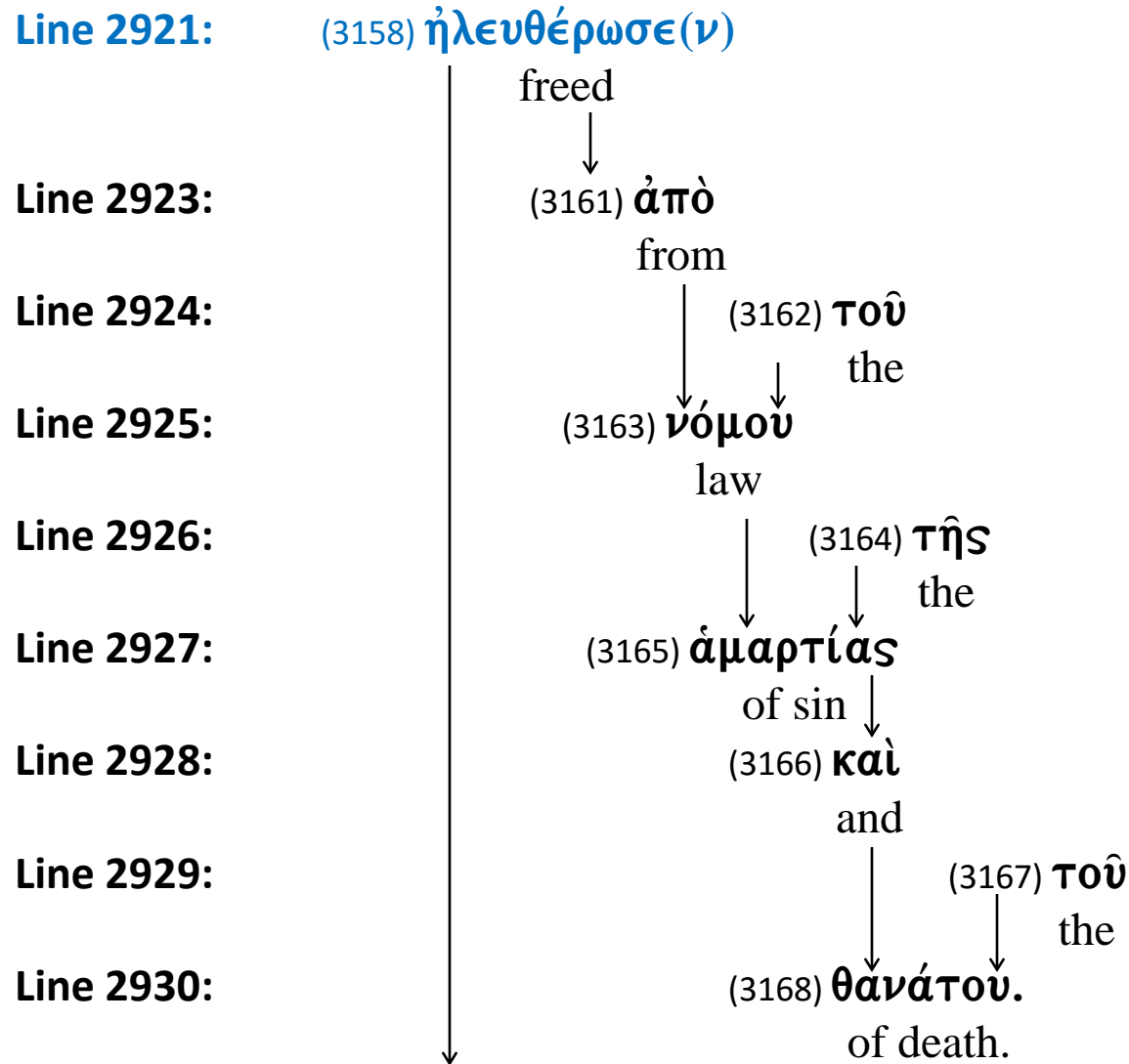
(3155) ἐν (3156) Χριστῷ (3157) Ἰησοῦ
in Christ Jesus

Line 2921:

(3158) ἠλευθέρωσε(ν)
freed

Line 2922:

(3159) με ((3160) σε)
me (you)



Romans 8:2 presents the basis for the objection that Romans 7:14-25 is not presenting a believer in conflict:

**"The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus
freed me from the Law of Sin and death."**

**This conclusion comes from a misunderstanding
of the teaching of Romans chapters 6 and 7.**

One objection that Romans 7:14-25 is not presenting a believer in conflict is as follows:

1) Romans 7:14, 17

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am fleshly (human), having been sold under sin.

¹⁷ and now it is no longer I myself working it out, but the sin dwelling in me.

2) Romans 7:18

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) is dwelling no good *thing*: for to desire is present with me; but to workout that which is right, I am not finding.

3) Romans 7:24

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

The Objection: it is impossible for a believer to be in this condition.

Another objection that Romans 7:14-25 is not presenting a believer in conflict is because of the salvation process that has occurred in believers as follows:

1) Romans 6:1-2

¹What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, in order that grace may abound?

² May it not happen: how shall we, who died to the sin, live any longer in it?

2) Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with him through baptism into death: in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we ourselves should walk in newness of life.

3) Romans 6:6-7

⁶ This knowing, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, in order that the body of sin may be rendered inoperative, that we should no longer serve sin.

⁷ For the one having died has been justified from the sin.

4) Romans 6:18

And having been set free from the sin, you became servants to righteousness.

5) Romans 6:22

But now having been set free from the sin, and having become servants to God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end eternal life.

The Objection: the believer has been freed from the condition of sin.

The responses to these objections are as follows:

Along with the description of the believer becoming free from the condition of sin, Romans 6 also describes the conflict that Paul described in detail in Romans 7.

1) Romans 6:11

So also you yourselves reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to the sin, but living to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2) Romans 6:12-14

¹²Let not the sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to obey it in the lusts of it.

¹³ Neither be yielding your members instruments of unrighteousness to the sin: but yield yourselves to God, as living from out of the dead, and your members instruments of righteousness to God:

¹⁴ For sin shall not rule over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace.

3) Romans 6:17-18

¹⁷ But thanks to God, that ye were slaves of the sin; but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered to you.

¹⁸ And having been set free from the sin, you became servants to righteousness.

4) Romans 6:19-20

¹⁹ I am speaking humanly, on account of the weakness of your flesh: for according as you yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to lawlessness, to work lawlessness; so now yield your members servants to righteousness, for holiness.

²⁰ For when you were servants of the sin, you were free from righteousness.

5) Romans 6:22-23

²² But now having been set free from the sin, and having become servants to God, ye have your fruit to holiness, and the end eternal life.

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death: but the gift of God *is* eternal life, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Other Scriptures relating to the conflict of the believer:

1) Galatians 3:27

For as many as were baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ.

2) Romans 13:13-14

¹² We should walk becomingly, as in the day; not in orgies and drunkenness, not in immorality and uncontrolled lust, not in strife and jealousy.

¹⁴ But you put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and stop making provision for the lusts of flesh.

3) Ephesians 4:21-24

21 If indeed you heard him, and were taught in him, according as truth *is* in Jesus:

22 That you put off according to the former manner of life the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of deceit:

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that you put on the new man, which according to God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

4) Colossians 3:8-12

⁸ But now you yourselves also put off all these things; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

⁹ Lie not one to another, having put off the old man with its practices;

¹⁰ And having put on the new *man*, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the One having created him:

¹¹ Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free: but Christ *is* all things, and in all.

¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of compassions, kindness, humble-mindedness, meekness, long-suffering;

Another response is that the non-believer does not have the conflict that Paul describes in Romans Chapter 7. The description of the non-believer is as follows:

Romans 3:9-18

⁹ What therefore? are we better *than they*? not at all: for we have before charged both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

¹⁰ As it has been written, There is none righteous, not even one:

¹¹ There is none that understands, there is none seeking after God.

¹² They all went out of the way, they are together become unprofitable: there is none practicing good, not even one.

¹³ Their throat *is* an open grave; with their tongues they were using deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips:

¹⁴ Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness.

¹⁵ Their feet *are* swift to shed blood.

¹⁶ Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:

¹⁷ And a way of peace they did not know.

¹⁸ There is no fear of God before their eyes.

There is no sensitivity to sin or the holiness of God.

The conflict Paul describes in Romans 7 is a person who is sensitive to his sin and to the holiness of God.

1) Romans 7:15

For what I am working out, I do not know: for what I desire, this I am not practicing; but what I am hating, that I am doing.

2) Romans 7:17-22

¹⁷ Now it is no longer I myself working it out, but the sin dwelling in me.

¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) is dwelling no good *thing*: for to desire is present with me; but to work out that which is right, I am not finding.

¹⁹ For the good that I desire, I am not doing; but the evil which I desire not, that I am practicing.

2) Romans 7:17-22 (continued)

²⁰ Now if I am doing what I myself am not desiring, it is no longer I myself doing it, but the sin dwelling in me.

²¹ I find then the law, that to me, the one desiring to do the right, that evil is present with me.

²² For I take pleasure in the law of God, according to the inward man:

3) Romans 7:25

I give thanks to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore then, on the one hand with the mind I myself am serving the law of God; but on the other hand with the flesh the law of sin.

Similar statements expressing this conflict and sensitivity to sin are also expressed by Paul in the following passages:

1) I Corinthians 15:9

For I myself am the least of the apostles, who am not sufficient to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

2) Ephesians 3:8

To me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

3) I Timothy 1:15

This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

The Scriptures overwhelmingly support the approach that Paul is describing his own normal, Christian life in Romans Chapter 7.

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