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Greek Exegesis

**Lesson 30**  
**Romans 8:5-11**

**I The Introduction Romans 1:1-17**

**II The Doctrine of the Christian Faith Romans 1:18 - 11:36**

Romans 1:18 - 3:20

The Indictment: The Doctrine of Condemnation

Romans 3:21 - 5:21

The Imputation: The Doctrine of Justification

Romans 6:1 - 8:39

The Impartation: The Doctrine of Sanctification

# The Four Spiritual Laws of the Believer

## Law One

**Romans 6:1 - 7:12    The Law of God**

**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**

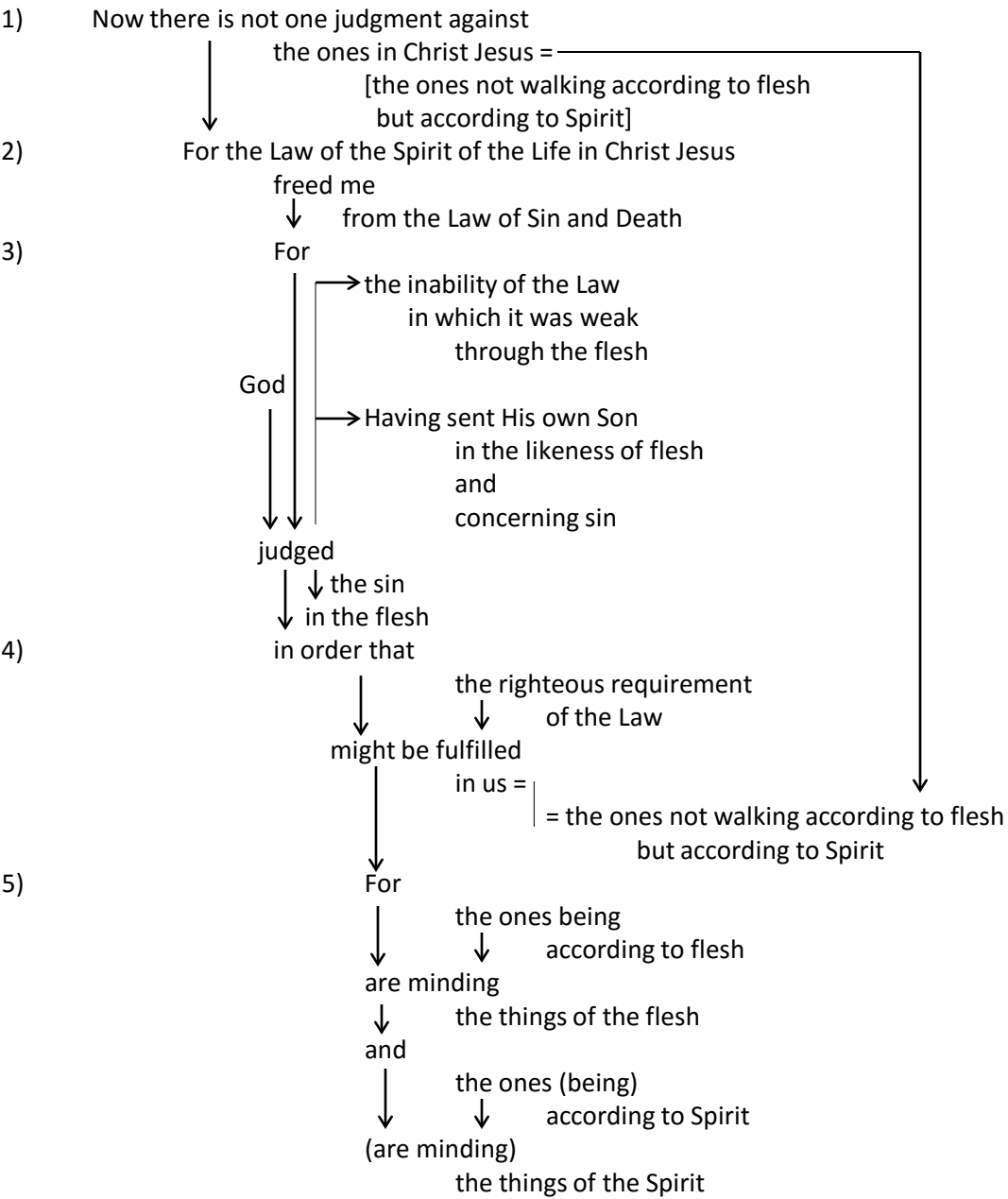
**The Law of the Mind**

## Law Four

**Romans 8:1-39    The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus**

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Diagrams



## **Proverbs 16:9**

A heart of man plans his way  
but Yahweh establishes his steps.

## James 4:13-16

13 Come now, the ones saying, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such city, and we will spend one year there, and we will do business and will make a profit,"

14 who do not know of the tomorrow. For what *is* your life? For it is *a* vapor, which for a little *while is* appearing, and then disappearing.

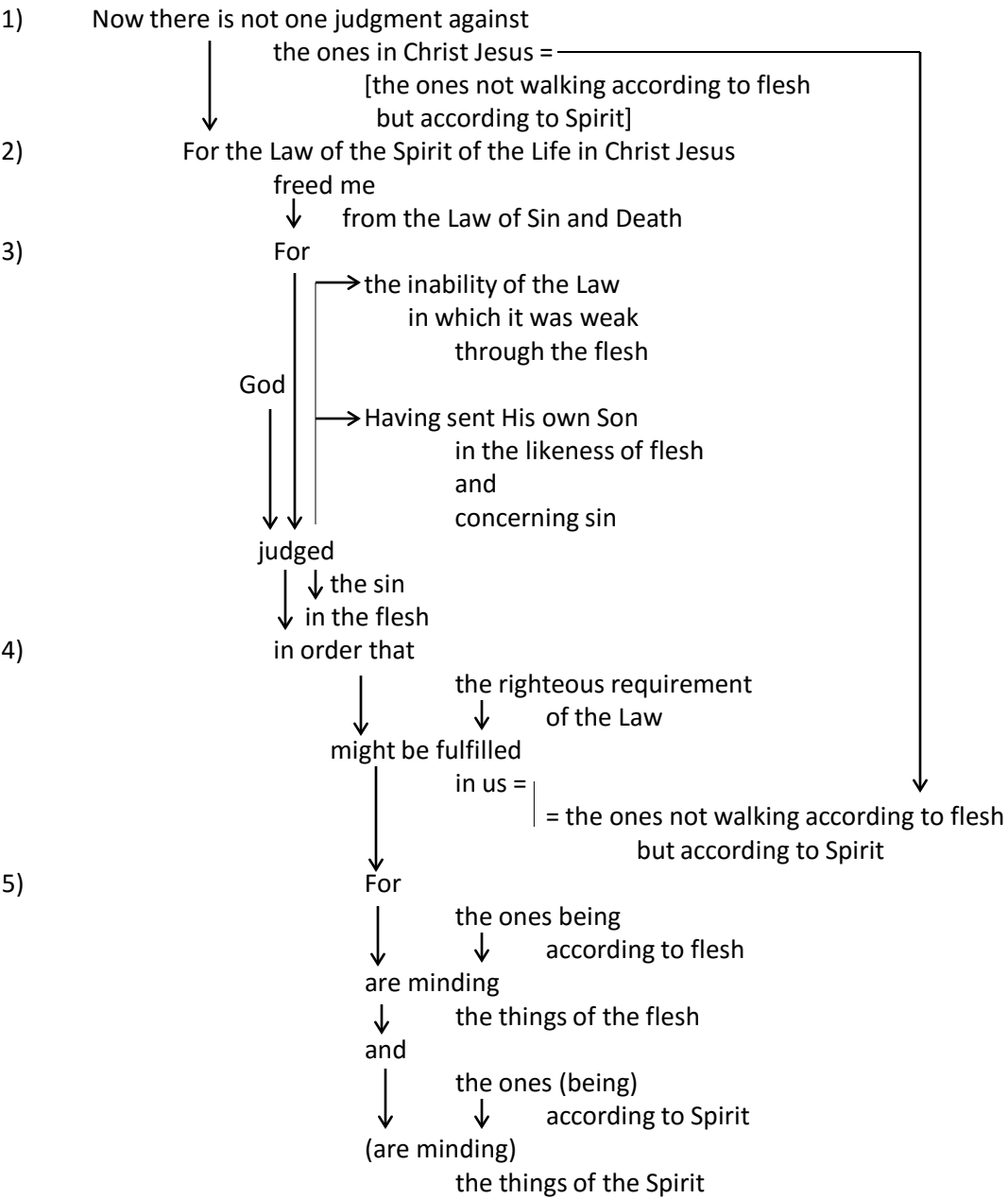
15 Instead you are to say, "If the Lord should will, and we will live, and we will do this or that;"

16 but now you are boasting in your pride. All such boasting is evil.



## **Romans 8:14**

For as many are as being led  
by the Spirit of God,  
these are sons of God.



## **Romans 8:9**

But you are not in flesh, but in spirit,  
if indeed the Spirit of God is dwelling in you.  
And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ,  
this one is not of Him.

## CONCLUSION

Paul's use of the term "flesh" (σάρξ) in Romans 8:1-11 represents the unbeliever in his unregenerate sin nature that dwells in his flesh.

1) **Romans 8:5**

The ones being according to flesh

2) **Romans 8:6-7**

The mind of flesh is:

- death
- hostile toward God
- is not submissive to the Law of God
- does not have the capacity to be submissive to the Law of God

3) **Romans 8:8**

The ones being in flesh

4) **Romans 8:9**

Anyone does not have the Spirit of God

## CONCLUSION

Paul's use of the term "flesh" (σάρξ) in Romans 8:1-11 is in contrast to the believer who is presented as not being under the control of his sin nature that is dwelling in his flesh but rather under the control of the indwelling Spirit of God.

- 1) **Romans 8:1**  
The ones not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit
- 2) **Romans 8:5**  
The ones being according to spirit
- 3) **Romans 8:6**  
The mind of the spirit is life and peace
- 4) **Romans 8:9**  
You yourselves are not "in flesh" but "in spirit"  
**IF** the Spirit of God is dwelling "in you"

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## φρονέω

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## **Matthew 16:21-27**

21 From then Jesus began to show to His disciples that it is necessary for Him to go away into Jerusalem, and to suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised the third day.

22 And having taken Him near to him, Peter began to rebuke Him, saying, "God have mercy to You, Lord; this shall never happen to You."

23 But after having turned He said to Peter, "Go behind Me, Satan! You are *an* offense to Me, because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men."

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and let him take up his cross, and let him follow Me.

25 "For whosoever should desire to save his life will lose it. But whoever should lose his life on account of me will find it.

26 "For what is *a* man being benefited if he should gain the whole world, but should lose his soul? Or what will a man give *as* an exchange of his soul?

27 "For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of His Father with His angels. And then He will reward to each according to his practice."

## Philippians 2:5-11

5 For let this thinking be in you, which *was* also in Christ Jesus,  
6 who while existing in the form of God did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,  
7 but He emptied Himself, having taken *the* form of a slave, having come in *the* likeness of men  
8 and having been found in figure as a man, He humbled Himself, having become obedient until death, even *the* death of *a* cross.  
9 On account of which also God highly exalted Him and granted to Him *a* name above every name,  
10 in order that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of heavenly things, and of earthly things, and things under *the* earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess, "Lord, Jesus Christ," for *the* glory of God *the* Father.

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# **THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS of the BELIEVER**

## **Law One - The Law of God**

**Romans 6:1-7:12**

- **The Law of God is not meant to produce life, but to make sin known. Romans 3:20**
- **The Law is not able to provide power to bring the dead to life. Romans 8:3**

## **THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS of the BELIEVER**

### **Law Two - The Law of Sin (Romans 7:23) and Death (Romans 8:2) Romans 6:1-8:2**

- **Under the Law of Sin and Death, sin is continually dwelling in the flesh or human nature of the believer.**
- **Under the Law of Sin and Death, in the flesh dwells no good (spiritual) thing. Romans 7:18**
- **The Law of Sin and Death is warring against the Law of the Mind. Romans 7:23**

### **CONCLUSION**

**With the flesh, the believer is serving the law of sin. Romans 7:25**

## **THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS of the BELIEVER**

### **Law Three - The Law of the Mind**

**Romans 7:13-25**

- **The Law of the Mind is located in the inner person or human spirit. Romans 7:22**
- **The Law of the Mind is a spiritual function of the mind - νοῦς. I Corinthians 2:16**

### **CONCLUSION**

**With the mind, the believer is serving the Law of God. Romans 7:25**

## **THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS of the BELIEVER**

### **Law Four - The Law of the Spirit of the Life in Christ Jesus**

**Romans 8:1-39**

**Romans 8:1 Factual Statement**

**There is now no judgment against the ones in Christ Jesus.**

**Romans 8:2 Reason**

**For the Law of the Spirit of the Life in Christ Jesus**

**freed me (us)**

**from the Law of Sin and Death**

## THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS of the BELIEVER

**Characteristics of the ones in Christ Jesus who are under the authority of The Fourth Spiritual Law:**

**Romans 8:1    1) the ones in Christ Jesus**

**Romans 8:4    2) the ones walking according to Spirit and not according to flesh**

**Romans 8:5    3) the ones thinking the things of the Spirit and not the things of the flesh**

**Romans 8:9    4) the ones who have the Spirit of God dwelling in them**

**Romans 8:14  5) the ones who are continually being led by the Spirit of God**



## **THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS of the BELIEVER**

- **The life, or divine nature, of the Spirit of God residing in Christ Jesus is indwelling the spirit or inner person of the believer. Romans 8:2**
- **Under the Law of the Spirit of the Life in Christ Jesus the indwelling of the Spirit of God frees a person from the Law of Sin and Death. Romans 8:2**

### **CONCLUSION**

**The Law of the Spirit of the Life in Christ Jesus is the dominant authority and Lord of the life of the believer. Romans 6:14**

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