

**Freedom From The Law**

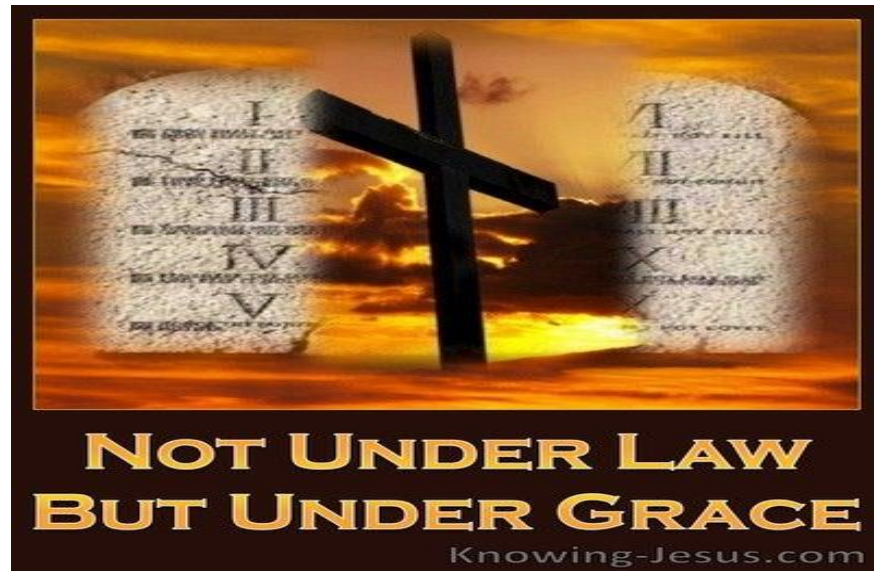
***Dead to Sin, Alive to God***

**Romans 7**



# A Response to Romans 6:14

***14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.***



**Romans 6 - Grace & Sin**

**GRACE**  
IS THE POWER TO OVERCOME SIN



**NOT A LICENSCE TO SIN**

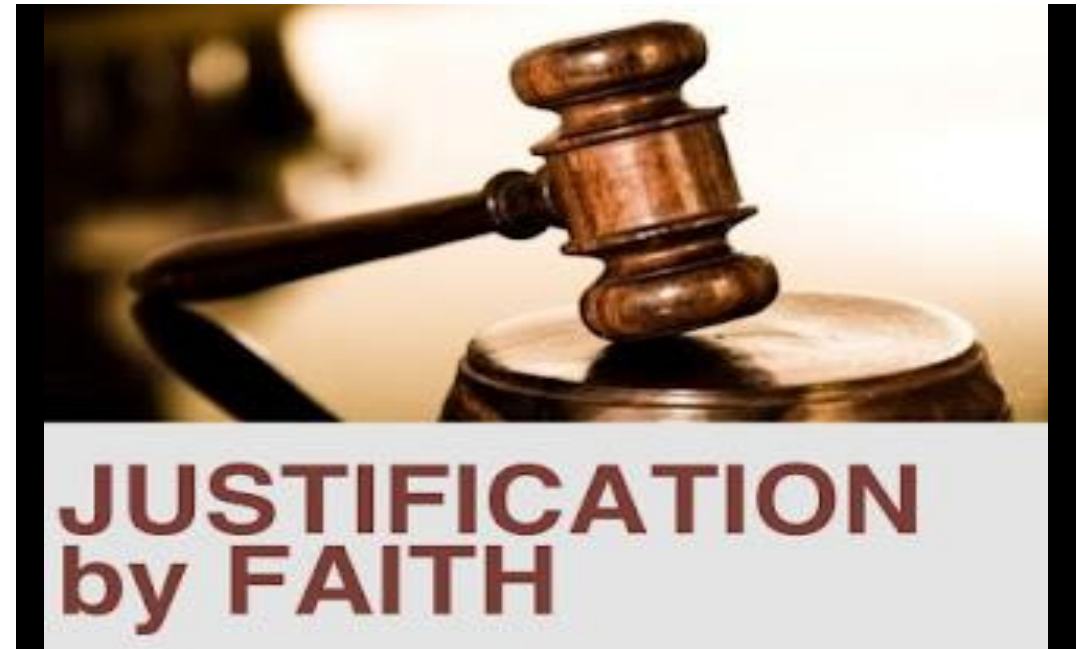
## **Romans 7**

### **Grace and Law**

**The law takes  
centre stage**

*Does it mean the law is not  
important in our new life?*

**A warning of legalism  
to those saved by grace**

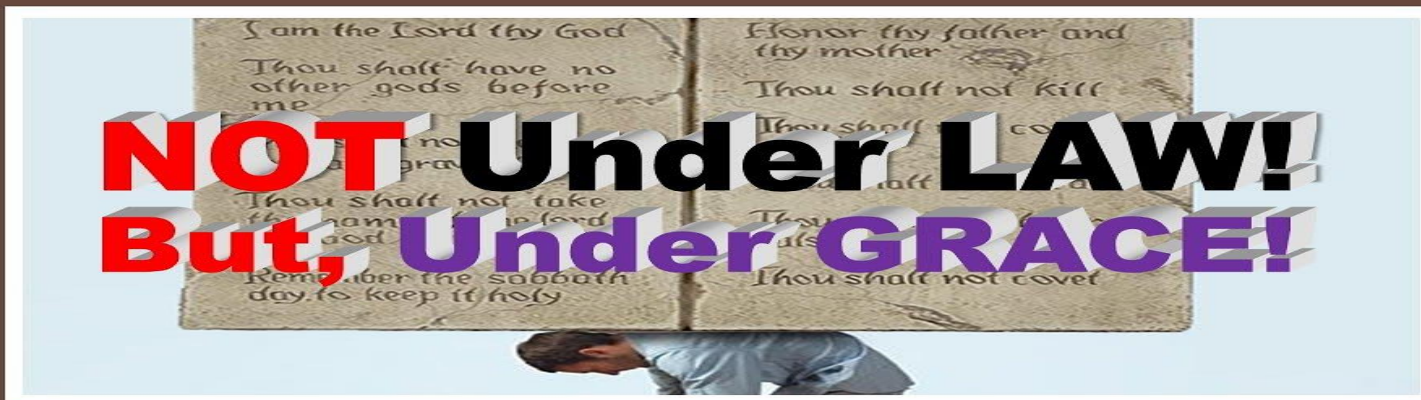




# Romans 7

## Freedom From The Law

- **V1-6 The Authority of the Law**  
*How we are released from the law*
- **V7-13 The Ministry of the Law**  
*Defense the special place of the law in our salvation*
- **V14-25 The Weakness/Limitation of the Law**  
*The wretched man's inner conflict*



## **V1-6 The Authority of the Law**

*Do you not know, brothers and sisters – for I am speaking to those who know the law – that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives?*

**The law only  
applies/binding to  
those during their life**



## **A Marriage Metaphor**

*For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him.*

**Death releases our obligation to the law**

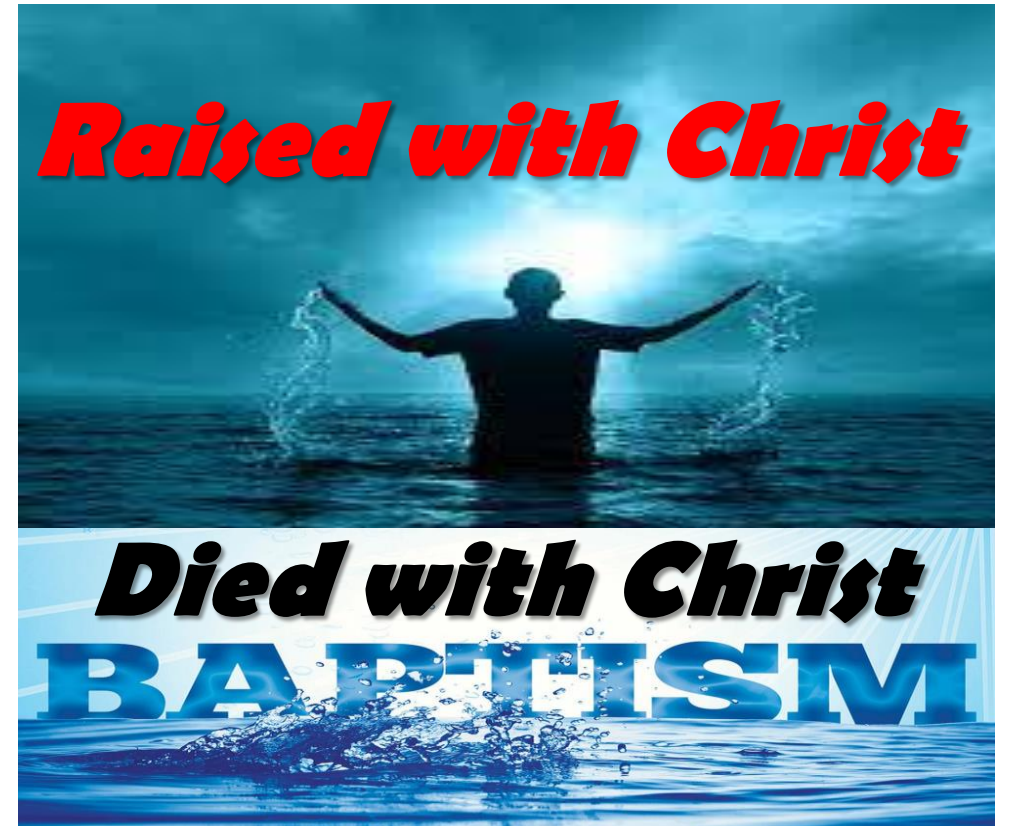
*'till death do us part'*



# Through Baptism We died to the law

***4 So, my brothers and sisters,  
you also died to the law through  
the body of Christ, that you might  
belong to another, to him who was  
raised from the dead, in order that  
we might bear fruit for God.***

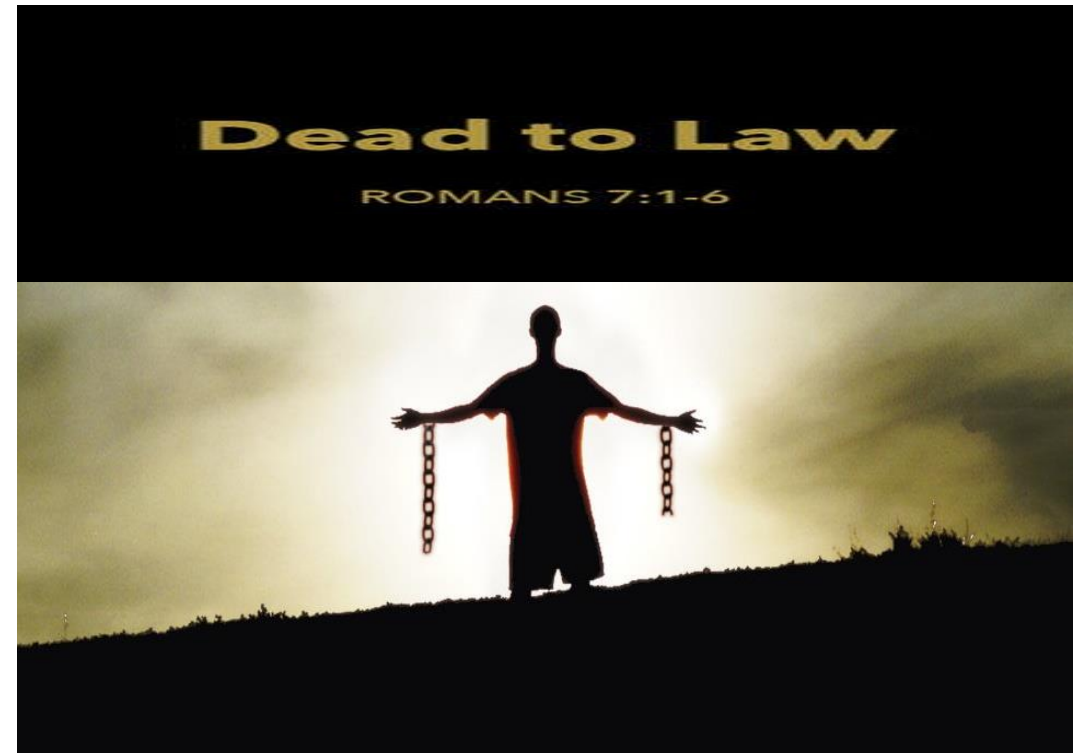
**Through the church  
Married to Christ  
Living a fruitful new life**



# **We are Delivered from the Law**

***<sup>6</sup> But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.***

***We are released from the law and joined to Christ for a new life of the Spirit***



**Dead to Law**

ROMANS 7:1-6



## **The law no longer important?**

Chapter 6 – You are not under the law.

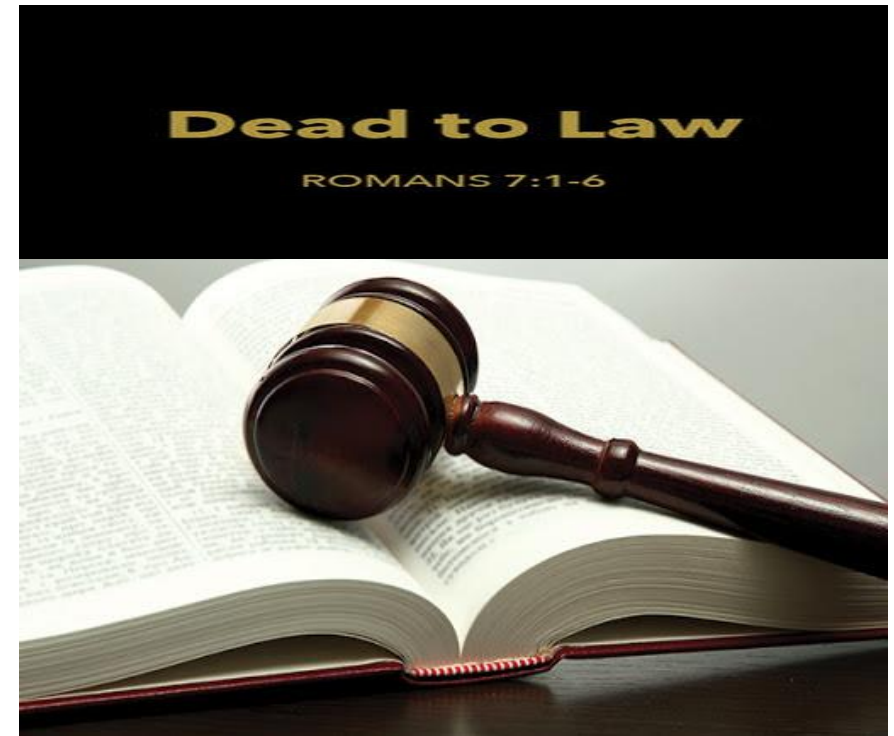
Chapter 7 – You are discharged from it.

## **Is the law sinful?**

Paul has cast a negative light on the law

- Chapter 2 – It condemns and judges you.
- Chapter 3 – It cannot justify or save you.
- Chapter 4 – It brings wrath of God to you.
- Chapter 5 – It makes people sin more.

**Certainly not!**



## **V7-13**

### **A Defence of the Law**

*The law is holy,  
righteous, and good.*

### **The Ministry of the Law**

- *The law reveals sin.*
- *The law provokes sin.*
- *The law kills.*



# The Law Reveals Sin

*Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law.*

*For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.'*

**Romans 3:20** *"Through the law we become conscious of sin."*

**The Law Unmasked**  
**Paul's Sin of Covetousness**



## **The Law Provokes Sin**

***<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.***

***‘Opportunity’*** Gk ***‘Aphorme’***,  
A military base, a spring board  
for further advance.

**Romans 4:15** *“where there is no law there is no transgression.”*



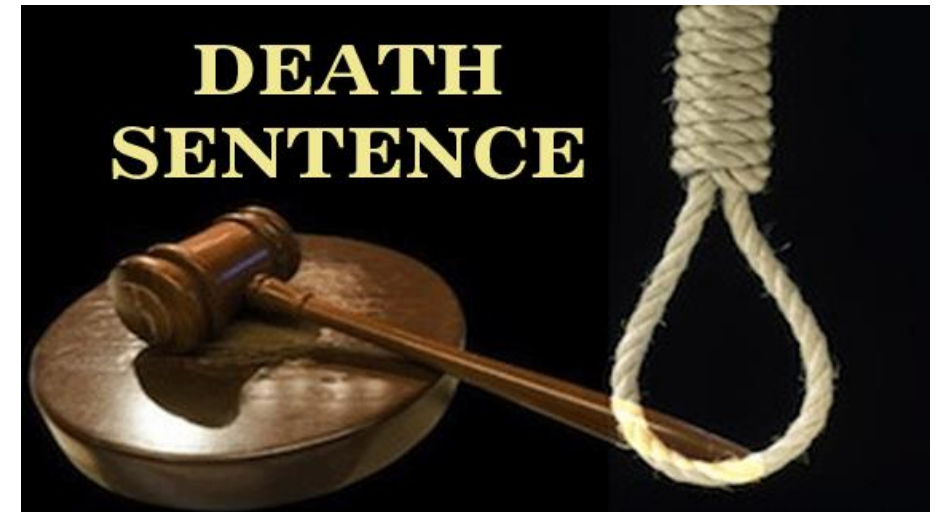
**Attract, Excite, and  
Cause us to Sin More**

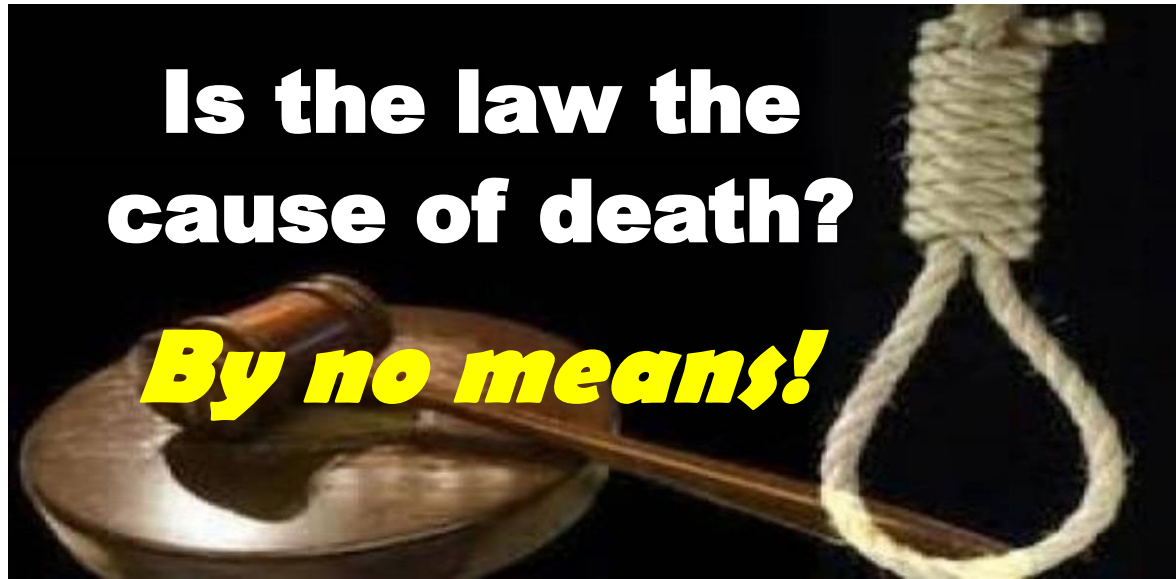


## The Law Kills

*<sup>9</sup> Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died...<sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.*

**The law deceived and brought death and condemnation**





**Is the law the  
cause of death?**

***By no means!***

**The law shows the  
sinfulness of sin**

*Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.*

***It shows the  
true extent and  
the terrible nature  
of sin in us.***

**The Law is Holy,  
Righteous, and Good**

***The law is not responsible  
for sin and death.***

***Our sinful nature is!***

***The law defines,  
reveals, and displays sin  
to bring us to Christ.***



**V14-25**  
**The Weakness**  
**of the Law**

The law cannot save us or helps us to change for *good*.

**The law is not responsible  
for our sin and death,  
but it cannot make us holy.**





# The Law is Spiritual

*<sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.*

## **We are Unspiritual**

*We are sinful, carnal, slave to sin*

**A mortal body  
that sin attack**



# **The Wretched Man**

***15 I do not understand what I do.  
For what I want to do I do not do,  
but what I hate I do.***

***19 For I do not do the good I want to  
do, but the evil I do not want to do –  
this I keep on doing.***

## ***An Inner Conflict***

***His mind can't control the body***

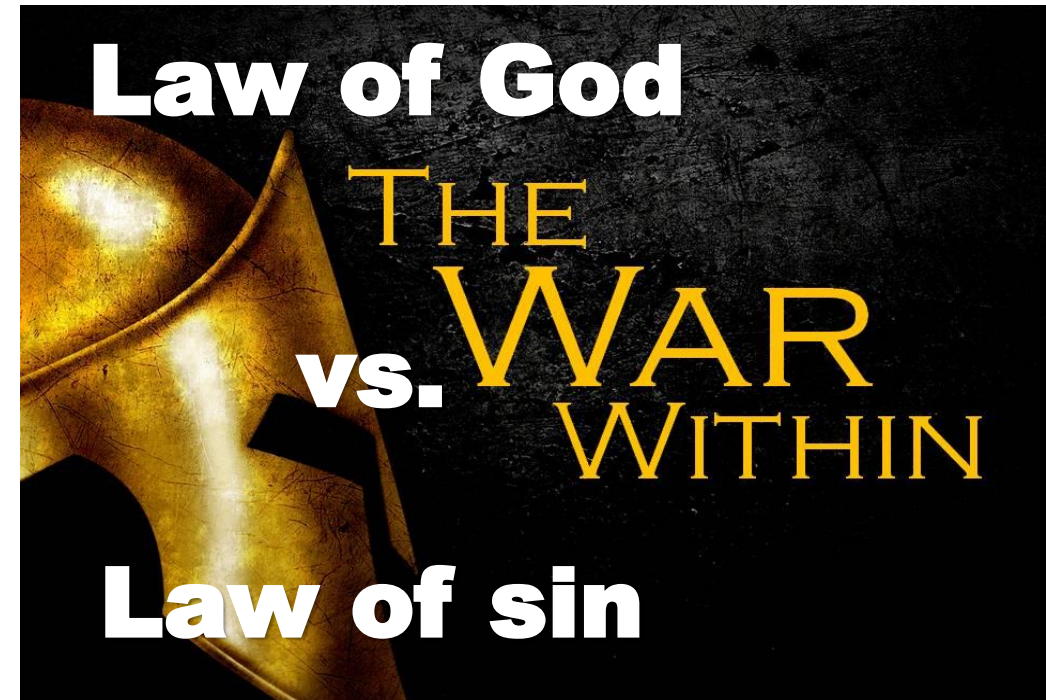


## **The New Nature Delights in the Law**

***<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law;***

## **The old nature delights in breaking the law**

***<sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.***



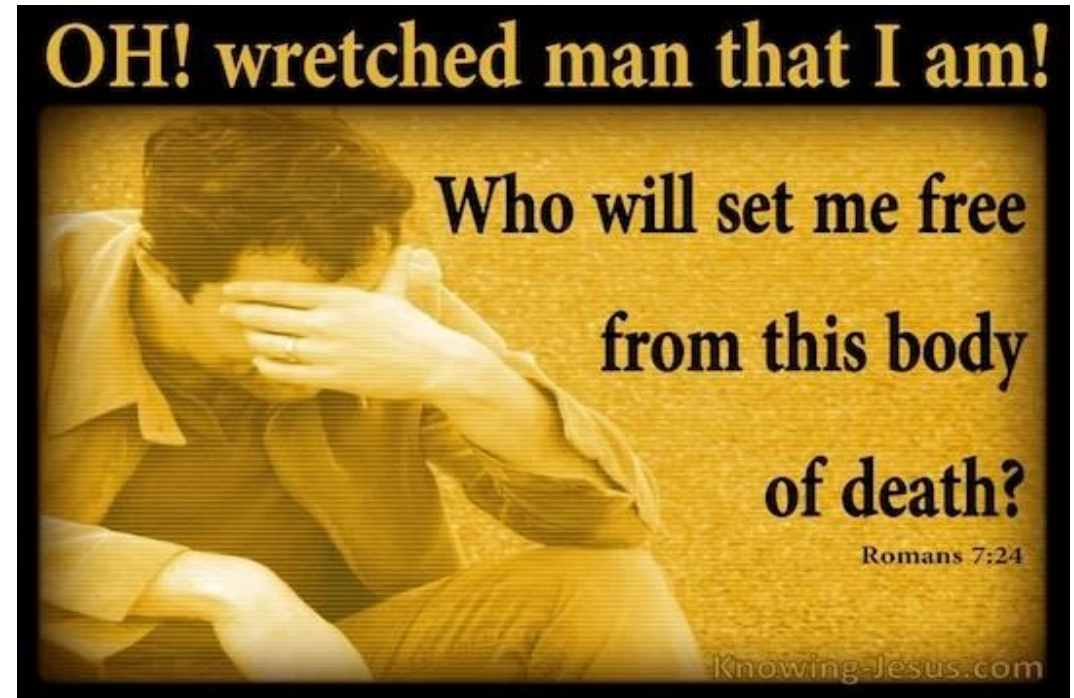
## **He cries out for help**

***24 What a wretched man I am!  
Who will rescue me from this  
body that is subject to death?***

**Not the Law.  
Not Himself.**

***The law cannot deliver us  
from the old sinful nature.***

**It only makes us sin more.**





***Only Christ Can!***

***25 Thanks be to God, who delivers  
me through Jesus Christ our Lord!***

***By Grace through Christ***

***Dead to Sin Alive to God***

***By the Power of the Holy Spirit***

