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A Paraphrase

Of

Romans
Chapter
Seven

And

Romans Chapter
Eight

Verses One



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that is meant to draw your heart closer to the
Person of our Lord and Life, Jesus Christ.*

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Romans 8:1-4 paraphrase

1 Having established these governing laws of nature, we can now look and behold that there is no condemnation for those who are abiding in Christ Jesus and embracing this union by walking in the Spirit.

2 For the law of the nature of the Life that is in Christ Jesus liberates me from the law of the nature of death that dwells in my members and produces the fruit of sin.

3 For what the law alone was incapable of producing because it was weakened by the flesh, God sending His own Son in the form of a man defiled by death bearing sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned the sin that is found in the flesh.

4 He did this so that the law could become more than just a desire in us but that its full expression might be made manifest in those who choose to walk in union with the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus rather than in union with the death that dwells in sinful flesh.

Romans 8:1-4 KJV

1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Introduction

I just want to share a few words concerning this paraphrase. My goal in writing and sharing this is not to deliberate the doctrinal meaning of these scriptures, but rather I simply long to fellowship with you in the way the Holy Spirit has opened these lines of verse to me. I know the great and eternal translation of these scriptures will require a knowing and unfolding of Christ that continues for “worlds without end!” Certainly my attempts here are simply the thoughts of a beginner, and should be regarded as nothing more!

I thank God for giving us Romans chapters seven and eight! What comfort they bring to the heart that is passing through the treacherous path of learning the true way of fruitfulness and liberty in God’s Life. God’s Word and the Holy Spirit guide our hearts to His mind, way and eternal counsel in the midst of our deep inner groaning as we await the manifestation of Christ as our Life.

Together with you in eternal life,

Kelly

Romans 7:1-5 KJV

1. *Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?*

2. *For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.*

3. *So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.*

4. *Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*

5. *For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.*

Romans 7:21-25 paraphrase

21 This principle works in me so regularly that it is a governing force, a law in itself. When I want to do good, I find that evil is what is actually present with me.

22 For my inward man greatly delights in the law of God,

23 Yet I am watching another law functioning in my members, waging full battle against the law of my mind and taking me captive as a prisoner of war, forcing me to submit to the law of sin that is in my members.

24 Behold I am vile! What an utterly defiled man I am! Who shall remove me from the influence of this unclean corpse that proliferates evil and emanates death?

25 I thank God that only through union into Jesus Christ our Lord can this law be overcome! So let it be recognized that with my mind I submit and delight in the law of God, but in my flesh I will only submit to the law of sin.

Romans 7:1-21-25 KJV

21. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

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

25. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 7:1-5 paraphrase

1 Do you not know, brothers, (for I know that you all know the law), that the law has control over someone while they are alive?

2 A married women is held in union to her husband as long as he is alive. But if her husband dies she is released from the law of her husband.

3 If she is married to another man while her husband yet lives, then she is an adulteress, but if her husband is dead she is totally free from his governing influence. She can become completely joined to another without committing fornication.

4 Wherefore brothers, we have passed out from the realm of the law's dominion through death by the very body of Jesus Christ. This happened so that we can now be fully joined to Christ Who was raised out from among the dead so that through Him we might be fruitful to God.

5 For when our union was with the flesh, the law made manifest the sin that worked in our members which conceived to bring forth fruit unto death.

Romans 7:1-6-10 KJV

6. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

7. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

8. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

9. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

10. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Romans 7:16-20 paraphrase

16 Because I am doing that which I disapprove of, it is obvious that I think the law is good.

17 Therefore I must make a distinction between my true identity in union with Christ and the sin that is dwelling in my members.

18 For now I am convinced that in my flesh there is no power to bring forth life, no matter how deeply I desire to do so.

19 For though I set my heart on doing good, I perform evil.

20 Therefore I must conclude that the culprit of my crippling condition is the sin that dwells in me.

Romans 7:1-16-20 KJV

16. *If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.*

17. *Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

18. *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

19. *For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.*

20. *Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

Romans 7:6-10 paraphrase

6 But now we are delivered from the law because the body that the law held in condemnation is dead. Our service should now come from a union into new Life rather than lifeless obedience to commands.

7 What can we say about the law? Is the law sinful in itself? God forbid. The law helped me to know what sin is, for I would not even be aware of coveting except the law told me that I should not covet.

8 But the sin in my members was awakened and strengthened by the demands that the law required of me, and manifested all manner of coveting in me. Without these commands my sin would not appear and lay dormant.

9 For I was doing fine when I was unaware of the law, but when the commandment came to me, sin awoke and revitalized in me and I saw that I was walking in death.

10 I know that the commandment was ordained for the end of life, but the commandment always led me to the end of death.

Romans 7:1-11-15 KJV

11. *For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*

12. *Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*

13. *Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.*

14. *For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.*

15. *For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.*

Romans 7:11-15 paraphrase

11 For the sin in my members took advantage of the law's requirements and became stronger, deceitfully using the law to slay me.

12 I know the law is given by God and that the commandment is holy, just and good.

13 Why then is that which is ordained for life always bringing me to death? God forbid that this be the ultimate end. But the law forced sin to show itself to truly be sin and continually worked death in me by that which was meant for life. By the commandment I was able to see how exceedingly sinful the sin in my members actually is.

14 For we all know that the law is spiritual, given by God and defines the governing principles of His nature. But I am fleshly, and imprisoned by the sin nature that dwells in me.

15 I do not understand why I am doing the things that I am doing. That which my heart longs to manifest my body will not perform, and that which I hate and loathe, I actually do.