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Greek Exegesis

**Lesson 27**  
**Romans 7:13-20**

**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**

## **Commentary: Laws Two and Three**

### **Romans 7:13-25, The Law of Sin, The Law of the Mind**

**These laws are presented by way of 3 observations. Each observation is presented in three parts: concept, conflict, and cause.**

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| <b>Romans 7:14-17</b> | <b>Verse 14</b>     | <b>The Concept</b>    |
|                       | <b>Verse 15</b>     | <b>The Conflict</b>   |
|                       | <b>Verse 16-17</b>  | <b>The Cause</b>      |
| <b>Romans 7:18-21</b> | <b>Verse 18a</b>    | <b>The Concept</b>    |
|                       | <b>Verse 18b-19</b> | <b>The Conflict</b>   |
|                       | <b>Verse 20</b>     | <b>The Cause</b>      |
| <b>Romans 7:21-23</b> | <b>Verse 21</b>     | <b>The Concept</b>    |
|                       | <b>Verse 22-23a</b> | <b>The Conflict</b>   |
|                       | <b>Verse 23b</b>    | <b>The Cause</b>      |
| <b>Romans 7:24-25</b> |                     | <b>The Conclusion</b> |

**These three observations are presented as if Paul is conducting a laboratory experiment. He is looking through a microscope and discovering three elements interacting together. He is dissecting these three elements from each other and is examining each one. In his conclusion in Romans 7:24-25 he will present his findings from his observations.**

**The three elements are listed in I Thessalonians 5:23-24**

**<sup>23</sup> And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**<sup>24</sup> Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.**

**Romans 7:14-17 is the first observation (lesson pages 912-923).**

**Romans 7:14      The Concept**

**Two parts:**

**1) "the law is spiritual" (page 912)**

**2) "I am fleshly" or human (page 914)**

**"having been sold under the sin" - which is a permanent condition of the flesh**

**Romans 7:15**

**The Conflict (pages 916-918)**

**"I do not know what I am doing"**

**The conflict addresses the difficulty of determining what it is that he is doing and what is being done by an outside force - someone or something other than himself.**

## The Explanation of the Conflict:

- 1) "what I am desiring to do, this I am not practicing"  
(page 916)
- 2) "but, what I am hating, this is what I am doing"  
(page 918)

## **Romans 7:16-17**

### **The Cause**

**In Conclusion, two parts:**

- 1) "since what I do not desire to do, this I am doing, I am agreeing with the Law that it is right" (page 920)**
- 2) "but now I am not longer working it out, but the sin dwelling in me" (page 922)**

**Romans 7:18-20 is the second observation** (lesson pages 924-932)

**Romans 7:18a**

**The Concept**

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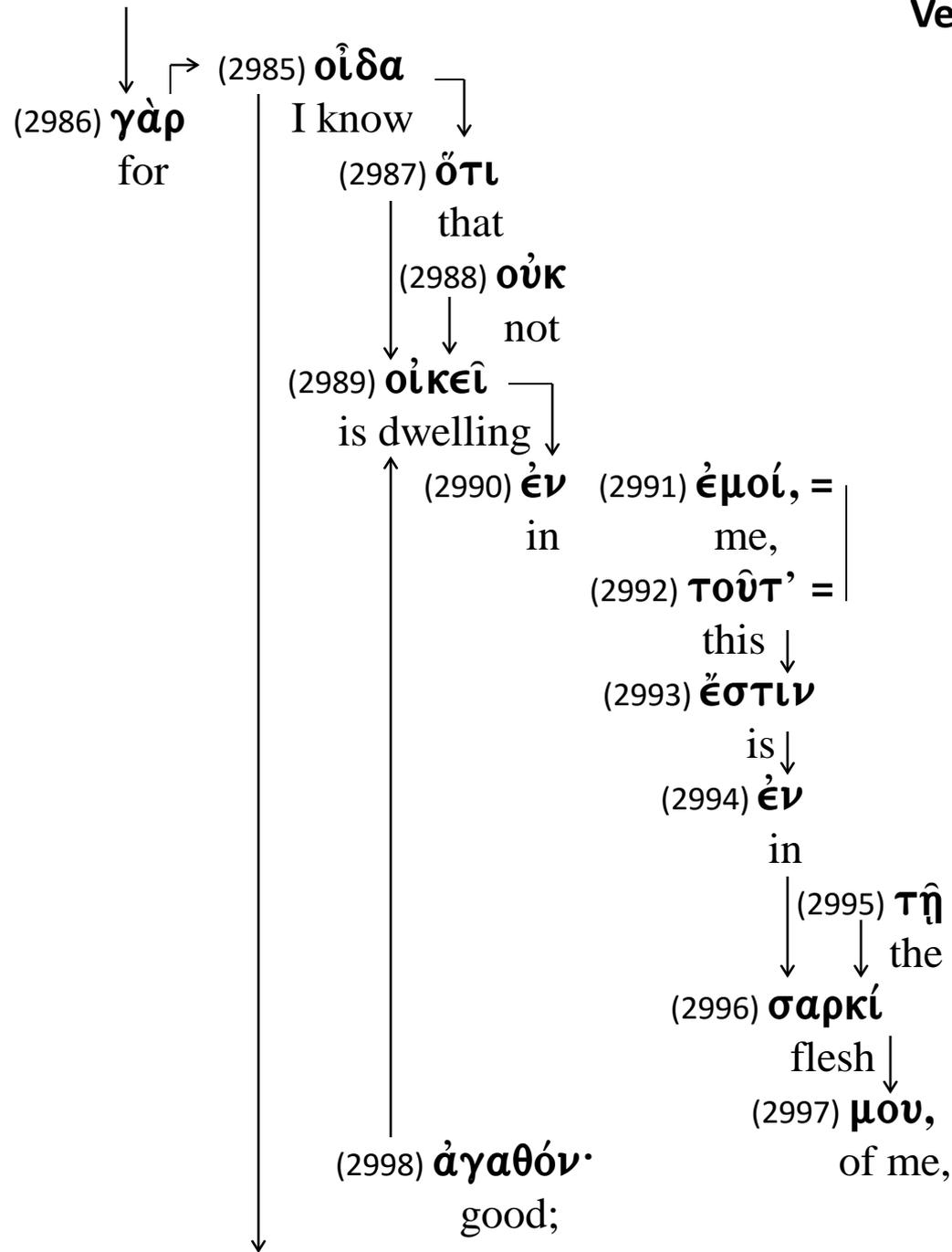
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## **The flesh:**

- 1) has been sold under sin**
- 2) the sin dwelling in him**
- 3) no good thing in his flesh**

**I am fleshly - human**

**John 3:6**

**That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

## **The Deceptions of the Flesh**

- 1) to dedicate to God**
- 2) to commit to God**
- 3) to sacrifice to or for God**

**Example: King Saul**

**I Samuel 15:3**

**Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.**

## **Example: King Saul (continued)**

### **I Samuel 15:8-9**

**<sup>8</sup> And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.**

**<sup>9</sup> But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.**

### **I Samuel 15:11**

**<sup>11</sup> It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.**

## **Example: King Saul (continued)**

### **I Samuel 15:13-15**

**<sup>13</sup> And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.**

**<sup>14</sup> And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?**

**<sup>15</sup> And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.**

### **I Samuel 15:18-23**

**<sup>18</sup> And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.**

**<sup>19</sup> Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?**

## **Example: King Saul (continued)**

### **I Samuel 15:18-23 (continued)**

**<sup>20</sup> And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.**

**<sup>21</sup> But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.**

**<sup>22</sup> And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**

**<sup>23</sup> For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.**

**What is the commandment the Lord has given concerning myself and especially the flesh?**

## Example of dedication of the flesh: witnessing

**John 15:26-27**

**<sup>26</sup> But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:**

**<sup>27</sup> And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.**

## Example of dedication of the flesh: witnessing (continued)

### John 16:7-11

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

<sup>8</sup> And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

<sup>9</sup> Of sin, because they believe not on me;

<sup>10</sup> Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

<sup>11</sup> Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

## Example of dedication of the flesh: witnessing (continued)

### John 16:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

<sup>14</sup> He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

<sup>15</sup> All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

## **Example of dedication of the flesh: witnessing (continued)**

### **Acts 1:8**

**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

## **QUESTION**

**When "I" go and witness for Christ, is this genuine biblical and spiritual witnessing?**

**Why or why not?**

**"Even as the angry vengeful thoughts boiled through me, I saw the sin of them. Jesus Christ had died for this man; was I going to ask for more? Lord Jesus, I prayed, forgive me and help me to forgive him...Jesus, I cannot forgive him. Give me your forgiveness...And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives along with the command, the love itself."**

**"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you."**

**"It is not my ability, but my response to God's ability, that counts."**

**"Don't bother to give God instructions; just report for duty."**

**--Corrie ten Boom**

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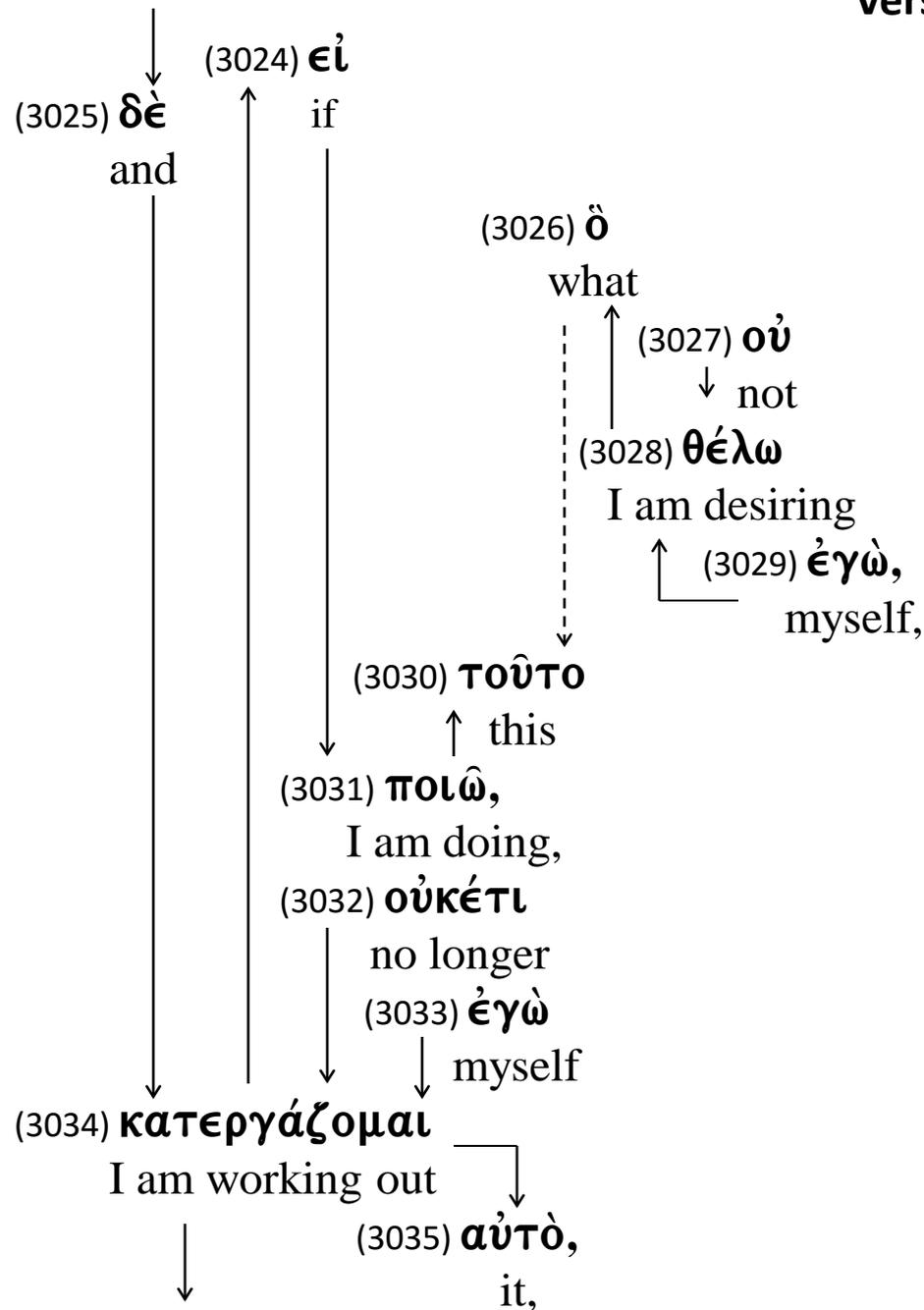
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