

New Testament

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ROMANS

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Greek Exegesis

**Lesson 31**  
**Romans 8:12-17**

## VERSE 12

Ἄρα οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ὀφειλέται ἐσμέν, οὐ τῇ σαρκί, τοῦ  
Then Therefore, brothers, debtors we are, not the to flesh, the

κατὰ σάρκα ζῆν·  
according to flesh to live;

## VERSE 13

εἰ γὰρ κατὰ σάρκα ζῆτε, μέλλετε ἀποθνήσκειν· εἰ  
if for according to flesh you are living, you are about to die; if

δὲ πνεύματι τὰς πράξεις τοῦ σώματος θανατοῦτε,  
but by Spirit the practices the of body you are putting to death,

ζήσεσθε.  
you will live.

## VERSE 14

ὅσοι γὰρ Πνεύματι Θεοῦ ἄγονται, οὗτοι εἰσιν υἱοὶ  
as many as for *by* Spirit of God you are being led, these are sons

Θεοῦ. (εἰσιν)  
of God. (are)

## VERSE 15

οὐ γὰρ ἐλάβετε πνεῦμα δουλείας πάλιν εἰς φόβον, ἀλλ'  
not for you did receive Spirit of slavery again for fear, but

(ἀλλὰ) ἐλάβετε πνεῦμα υἰοθεσίας, ἐν ᾧ κράζομεν, Ἄββα, ὁ  
(but) you received Spirit of adoption, in which we are crying, Abba, the

πατήρ.  
Father.

## VERSE 16

αὐτὸ τὸ Πνεῦμα συμμαρτυρεῖ τῷ πνεύματι ἡμῶν, ὅτι ἐσμὲν  
itself the Spirit is testifying with the spirit of us, that we are

τέκνα Θεοῦ·  
children of God;

## VERSE 17

εἰ δὲ τέκνα, καὶ κληρονόμοι· κληρονόμοι μὲν Θεοῦ,  
if and children, also inheritors; inheritors on the one hand of God,

συγκληρονόμοι δὲ Χριστοῦ· εἴπερ  
inheritors together and on the other hand of Christ; if indeed

συμπάσχομεν, ἵνα καὶ συνδοξασθῶμεν.  
we should suffer together, in order that also we should be glorified together.



**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

## **Romans 6: The Power over Sin**

## **Romans 7: The Problem of the Flesh**

## **Romans 8: The Provision of the Spirit**

Romans 8:1-4      The Plan of Sanctification

Romans 8:5-11      The Procedure of Sanctification

Romans 8:12-17      The Product of Sanctification

Romans 8:18-25      The Patience in Sanctification

Romans 8:26-30      The Provision of Sanctification

Romans 8:31-39      The Position in 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**

## **Summary of Romans 8:1-11**

**I belong to Christ because Jesus saved me by putting His Spirit in me.**

**Once I am born of the Spirit of Christ, I am under the Law of the Life of the Spirit in Christ Jesus.**

**My spirit is saved but my flesh is not.**

**The body will eventually be redeemed and will be raised and changed into a glorious body.**

## **Romans 8:12-17**

### **The Product of Sanctification**

## **Romans 8:12-13**

### **The Obligation in Sanctification**



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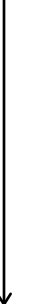
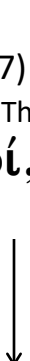
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**” Αρα = then**

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that lists the results of having Christ in you.

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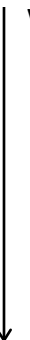
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**ὀφειλέται = debtors**

Used of someone in financial debt.

Someone who is obligated.

Someone who owes something to someone.

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## Luke 12:51-53

<sup>51</sup> Do you think that I came to give peace in the earth? No, I say to you, but rather division.

<sup>52</sup> For from now on five in one house will have been divided, three against two, and two against three.

<sup>53</sup> A father will be divided against *a* son, and *a* son against *a* father; *a* mother against *a* daughter, and *a* daughter against *a* mother; *a* mother-in-law against the daughter-in-law, and *a* daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

## Matthew 10:34-39

<sup>34</sup> you should not think that I came to send peace upon the earth. I did not come to send peace, but *a* sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I came to divide *a* man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and *a* daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

<sup>36</sup> And *the* enemies of the man *shall be* the ones of his household.

<sup>37</sup> The one loving father or mother above Me is not worthy of Me. And the one loving son or daughter above Me is not worthy of Me.

<sup>38</sup> And who is not taking up his cross and is *not* following behind Me is not worthy of Me.

<sup>39</sup> The one having found his life shall lose it. And the one having lost his life on account of Me shall find it.

## Matthew 12:46-50

<sup>46</sup> And while He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers had stood outside, seeking to speak to Him.

<sup>47</sup> And *a* certain one said to Him, Behold, Your mother and Your brothers have been standing outside, seeking to speak to You.

<sup>48</sup> And when He answered, He said to the one who had spoken to Him, Who is My mother? And who are My brothers?

<sup>49</sup> And after having stretched out His hand to His disciples, He said, Behold, My mother and My brothers.

<sup>50</sup> For whoever should do the will of My Father Who is in Heaven, he himself is My brother and sister and mother.



## Luke 14:25-27

<sup>25</sup> And great crowds were going with Him. And after having turned, He said to them,

<sup>26</sup> If anyone is coming to Me and is not hating his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers and sisters, and still, even his *own* life, he is not able to be My disciple.

<sup>27</sup> And whoever is not carrying his cross and coming behind Me, he is not able to be My disciple.

## **Luke 9:57-62**

<sup>57</sup> And it happened while they were going in the way, someone said to Him, I will follow You wherever You might go, Lord.

<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven *have* nests, but the Son of Man does not have where He may lay *His* head.

<sup>59</sup> And He said to another, Follow Me. And he said, Lord, permit me after having gone away first to bury my father.

<sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but after having gone out, you yourself announce the kingdom of God.

<sup>61</sup> And also another said, I will follow You, Lord, but first permit me to say good-bye to the ones in my house.

<sup>62</sup> And Jesus said to him, No one after having put his hand upon *a* plow, and while looking toward the things behind, is fit for the kingdom of God.

**Other people make us feel obligated or indebted.**

**Circumstances make us feel obligated or indebted.**

**Anything that has to do with the arena of the flesh,  
we are not debtors to it.**

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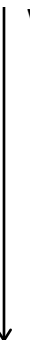
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to die;

**A person is about to die in his sins because his flesh is governing and dominating his mind.**



**Not so with a Christian.**

**A Christian is governed by the mind of the Holy Spirit.**

**If a Christian steps out to fulfill the obligations of the flesh,  
the Holy Spirit will grieve (Ephesians 4:30),  
and the Lord will discipline (Hebrews 12:6-8).**

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**"you will live"**

**Future Promise**

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**"you are putting to death"**

**1) present, continuous action**

**2) death has to do with separation**

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***"by the Spirit"***

**1) Instrumental Dative**

**The "putting to death" is by  
the Spirit of Christ living in me.**



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**Notice it is God's Spirit that puts  
to death "the practices of the body."**

**"you will be killing sin or sin will be killing you"**

**John Owen**

**Not true if applied to a believer.**

**The flesh and its practices have already  
been crucified and put to death.**

## **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ, and I live; no longer I, but Christ is living in me. And the now I am living in flesh, I am living in faith which *is* of the Son of God, the One who has loved me and has given Himself over on behalf of me.

## **Galatians 5:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> Now the ones of Christ crucified the flesh with the passions and the desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we are living *by the* Spirit, we should also be walking *by the* Spirit.

## Colossians 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup> If therefore you were raised with Christ, be seeking the things above, where Christ is sitting in *the* right of God;

<sup>2</sup> Be minding the things above, not the things upon the earth.

<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God.

<sup>4</sup> Whenever Christ our life should appear, then also you will appear with Him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore put to death your members which *are* upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion; bad desire, and the covetousness, which is idolatry;

<sup>6</sup> on account of which things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of the disobedience,

## **Romans 6:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> In this way also you yourselves count yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but living to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, for to obey it in its desires.

<sup>13</sup> Neither be presenting your members instruments of unrighteousness to the sin, but present yourselves to God as *one* living from out of *the* dead, and your members instruments of righteousness to God.

<sup>14</sup> For your sin shall not rule over you, for you are not under Law, but under grace.



## νεκρόω

*Nekroō* is used three times in the New Testament.

Two of these are in reference to Abraham's physical condition at the time of God's promise to give him a son.

## νεκρόω

A third New Testament reference is [Colossians 3:5](#).

This verse tells believers to “mortify” their earthly “members,” to “treat them as dead” as far as sinful desires of the flesh are concerned. Christians are to do this because they have died to self and been raised with Christ, and their true life is now in Him ([Colossians 3:1-4](#); cf. [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)). Therefore, they should not respond to the temptations of the flesh; they should disregard them and dismiss them as being dead. Treating sinful desires as dead is thus an act of obedience in response to the truth of the gospel, carried out in the power of the new life we have received in Jesus. This “putting to death” or “mortifying” is not the killing of the physical body but the submission of the whole self to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

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