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"A sermon that uses a text without a context is probably hiding the con."

### SIN NO LONGER HAS DOMINION OVER US

6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin..... 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?.... 4 Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

ROMANS 7:1

## IF YOU'VE DIED, YOU'RE DEAD TO THE LAW

5 For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. 6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

ROMANS 7:1

#### PAUL SPEAKING AS SOMEONE UNDER THE LAW

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

ROMANS 7:1

# THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE IN CHRIST JESUS

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

#### YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A BETTER LAW

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

# JESUS ACCOMPLISHED WHAT THE LAW COULD NOT

3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

# THE STANDARDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS REQUIRED BY THE LAW HAVE BEEN FULLY MET IN US

4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

# SPIRITUAL MINDS HAVE PEACE, FLESHLY MINDS EXPERIENCE DEATH

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

**ROMANS 8:5-6** 

## MINDS GOVERNED BY FLESH ARE HOSTILE, UN-SUBMITTED AND CANNOT PLEASE GOD

7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

**ROMANS 8:7-8** 

## IF HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU, HE GIVES LIFE

9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

ROMANS 8:9-10

## IF HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU, HE GIVES LIFE

Il And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

## WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THE SPIRIT

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. I3 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

**ROMANS 8:12-13** 

# CULTIVATE A DELIBERATE NO!

# WE ARE MOST LIKE GOD'S CHILDREN WHEN LED BY THE SPIRIT

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. I5 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

ROMANS 8:14-15

## LEAN TOWARDS HOLY SPIRIT

# IF WE ARE CHILDREN, THEN WE ARE HEIRS THROUGH OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH JESUS

I6 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. I7 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

**ROMANS 8:16-17** 

# IDENTIFY WITH JESUS

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