becoming who you are

"The Law's Authority"

Romans 7:1-6

Darling I don't know why I go to extremes Too high or too low there ain't no in-betweens And if I stand or I fall It's all or nothing at all Darling I don't know why I go to extremes

Lyrics from "I Go To Extremes"

I. Romans 6 Victory Over The Bondage of Sin **II. Romans 7** Liberty from Bondage to the Law A. The Law's Authority (vs. 1-6) B. The Law's Ministry (vs. 7-13) C. The Law's Inability (vs. 14-25) **III. Romans 8** Security in The Holy Spirit

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I. The Question:

Is The Law Always Binding?

Which Law? 1. A generic law - applying to both Jew and Gentile? (Rom 2:15) 2. The Mosaic Law?

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A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.



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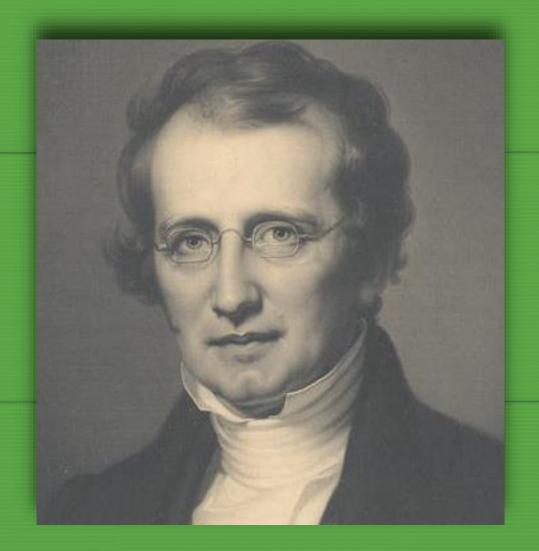
¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

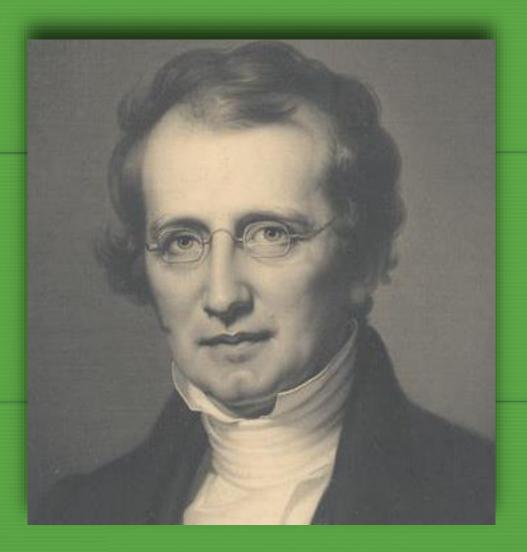


"As far as we are concerned, redemption is in order to produce holiness. We are delivered from the law, that we may be united to Christ; and we are united to Christ, that we may bring forth fruit unto God.



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... As deliverance from the penalty of the law is in order to produce holiness, it is vain to expect that deliverance, except with a view to the end for which it is granted."



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filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of





The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

Psalm 14:1 (also 53:1)

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.



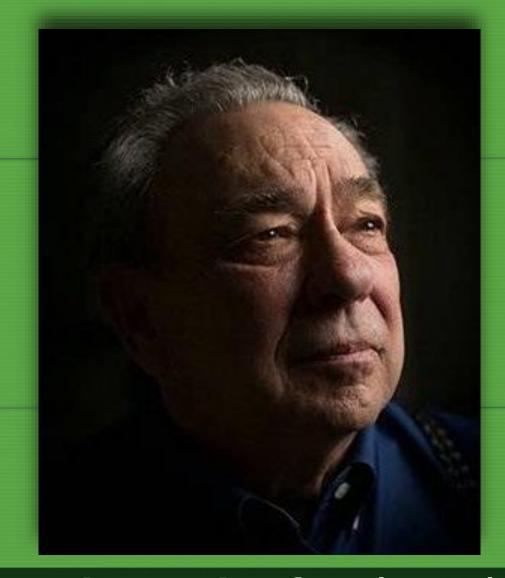
But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Romans 1:29-32

"To be totally depraved is to suffer from corruption that pervades the whole person. Sin effects very aspect of our being: the body, the soul, the mind, the will, and so forth. The total or whole person is corrupted by sin. No vestigial 'island of righteousness' escapes the influence of the fall. Sin reaches into every aspect of our lives, finding no shelter of isolated virtue."



Robert Charles (R.C.) Sproul 13 Feb 1939 - 14 Dec 2017

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^{*}Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, "not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 - The New Covenant

³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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^{3*}And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.



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