

Romans Series

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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Law vs. Spirit
Romans 7:1–6



Romans 6

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BEFORE:

- Alive to sin
- A slave of sin (6:20)
- Free in regard to +R (6:20)

AFTER:

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| • Dead to sin | • Dead to the Law (7:4) |
| • Justified from sin (6:7) | • Free from the Law (7:3) |
| • Freed (<i>eleutereo</i>) from sin (6:19) | • Tie to the law abolished (7:7) |
| • A slave to God and +R (6:19, 21) | • So that we can live in the newness of the Spirit (7:7) |

UNDER LAW vs. UNDER GRACE

Under Law

Slavery

Flesh, sin nature

Hostility, divisiveness

Deeds of the flesh

Engraved on stones

**Ministry of death,
condemnation**

Under Grace

Freedom

Led by the Spirit

Love

Fruit of the Spirit

Engraved on the heart

Life

**2 Cor. 3:2, “You are our epistle written in our hearts,
known and read by all men;**

**2 Cor. 3:3, “clearly you are an epistle of Christ,
ministered by us, written not with ink but by the
Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on
tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.”**

2 Cor. 3:4, “And we have such trust through Christ toward God.”

Phil. 3:3, “For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

Phil. 3:4, “though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:”

2 Cor. 3:5, “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,

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διάκονος *diakonos*

acc masc plur servant, minister

Ex. 31:18, “And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.”

Ezek. 11:19, “Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,”

Ezek. 36:26, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

Jer. 31:33, “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

- 1. The Letter = The Law**
- 2. Letter is not the literal sense, and the spiritual an allegorical sense.**
- 3. Letter does not mean a legalistic sense, in contrast to a grace sense.**
- 4. Letter is not some warped sense or twisted interpretation in contrast to the true interpretation. cf., Rom. 2:27, 29 where “letter” refers to the possession of the law.**

2 Cor. 3:6, “who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Cor. 3:7, “But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

2 Cor. 3:8, “how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?”