



Romans 1-8

Positional Sanctification

ROMANS

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE	THE THREE TYPES OF SINNERS	THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION	
		JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
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Acclamation of the Gospel: <i>Salvation to all who believe</i> 1:16-17	Conclusion: <i>All Are Sinners</i> 3:9-20	Identification: <i>In Adam All Die</i> <i>In Christ All Live</i> 5:11-21	

The Justice of God Revealed

“Christian living depends on Christian learning; duty is always founded on doctrine. If Satan can keep a Christian ignorant he can keep him impotent.” Wiersbe

Rom 1-11 Learning

Rom 12-16 Living

Rom 6- I want to keep sinning! Can I?

Licentious sinner, give him an inch he takes a mile

Rom 7- I want to keep the Law! Can I?

Legalistic sinner, he wouldn't dare take your inch!

Rom 8- Jesus Christ has set us free!

:2 free from law of sin and death

:4 free to walk according to the Spirit of God since
Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law of Moses

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- I. **Romans 7:7-13 – Practical ramifications of positional sanctification: What was Paul's life like under the Law?**
 1. Romans 7:7 – Paul conveyed this thought: “Since I sinned when I was under the Law, was the Law somehow to blame?”

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- a) Perish the thought that the Law is sinful!
The Law is perfect because its Author is perfect.
- b) The Law did its job of being a good teacher.
- c) The Law clearly taught what sin is.

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- 1) Paul was ignorant of coveting until the Law taught him that it was sin.
- 2) Most people are ignorant of this type of sin regardless of their culture or background. God gave the Law to introduce everyone to sin.

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2. Romans 7:8-9 – Paul continued the thought. “If the Law is perfect, what went wrong?”

a) Romans 7:8a – If the Law is perfect, why did I sin under the Law?

1) The sin nature used the good Law to entice me to sin.

2) Even though I was taught not to covet, the sin nature produced every kind of coveting in me.

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b) Romans 7:8b-9 – Before the Law, I was free from cares.

1) Romans 7:8b – Without the Law to exploit, the sin nature doesn't have power; therefore, trying to live the Christian life by the Law or rules of do's and don'ts never works.

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- 2) Romans 7:9a – When the Law came, the sin nature was activated, stimulated and triggered.
- 3) Romans 7:9b – Finally, when the sin nature (flesh) came into play in my life, I died.

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3. Romans 7:10-11 – Paul confessed that as a sinner, he scorned the teaching of the perfect Law.
 - a) Romans 7:10 – God meant the commandment for my good by teaching me correct living, but it proved to be my own undoing, resulting in my death.

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- b) Romans 7:11 – My own *sin nature* (sin singular), seizing the opportunity, took advantage of the Law and destroyed me.
- 1) Through the law, the sin nature first deceived me.
 - 2) Second, through the law, the sin nature killed me.

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4. Romans 7:12-13b – Paul concluded, “Why do I sin?”
 - a) Romans 7:12 – First, I know and affirm that the Law is holy, righteous, and good.
 - b) Romans 7:13a – Did something good cause my death?

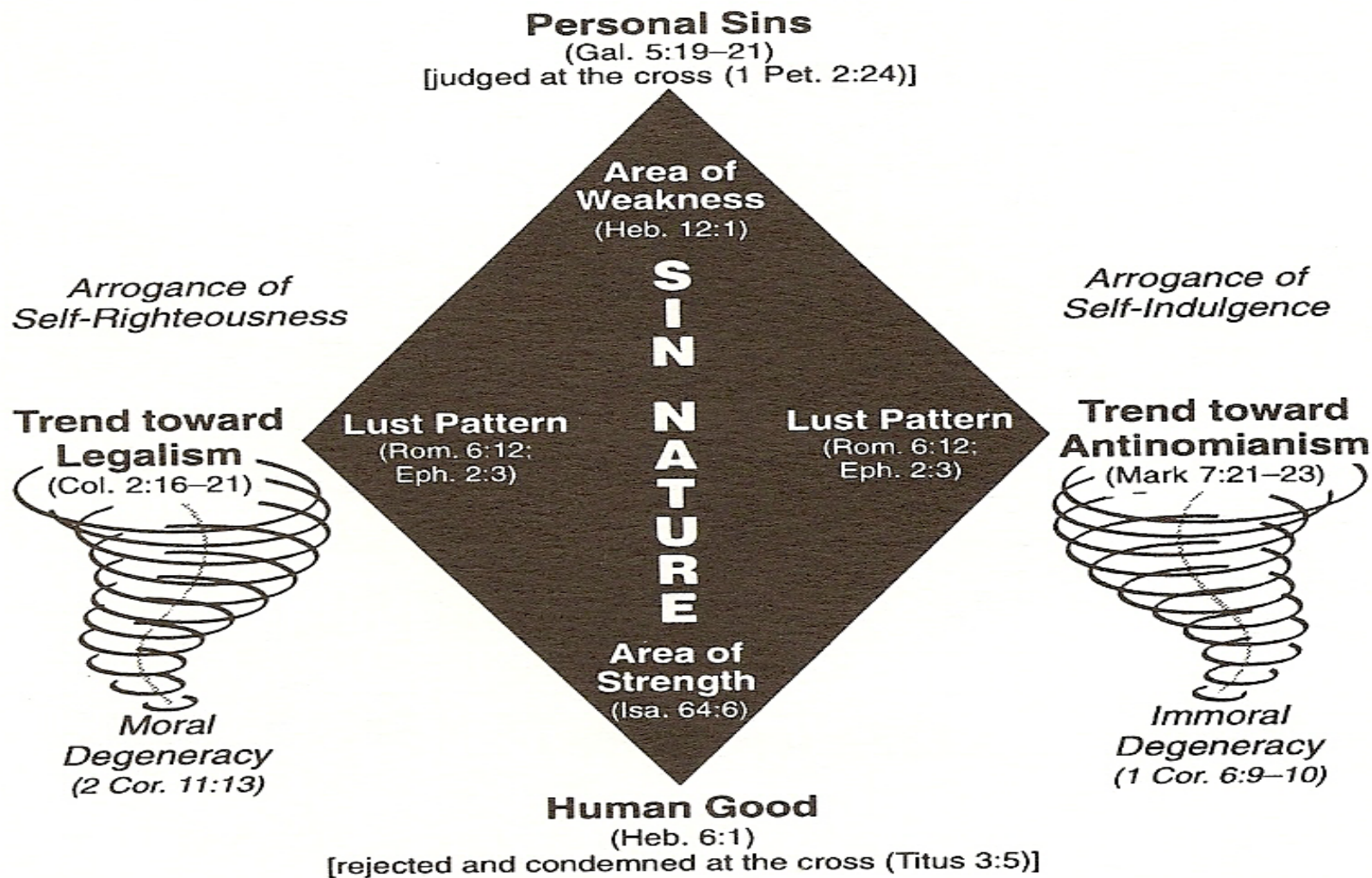
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- 1) No, perish the thought!
- 2) It was my sin nature that caused my death by taking advantage of God's good Law.

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- c) Therefore, the good, holy, and righteous Law should never take the blame when I choose to sin.
- d) Romans 7:13b – My sin nature, which takes advantage of the good and perfect Law, is to blame for my sinfulness. This does not mean that I am not responsible for my actions, but it does show where sin comes from in my life.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SIN NATURE



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5. Romans 7:13c – How does God use this abuse of the Law by my sin nature and my subsequent failure?
 - a) God uses this to show us the desperate character of our sin nature.
 - b) The sin nature is so incurably sinful that it had the audacity to produce my death through something as good and holy as the Law.

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- c) Through the Law, God shows the sin nature to indeed be a hyper-sinner (KATA HYPERBOLEN HAMARTOLOS, utterly sinful).