

Continuing “The Complete Green Letters”
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Chapter 58, Law Versus Life - Pg 261-265

Intro:

- I. The Principle of the Law dooms one to the difficulties of Romans 7
 - A. The Law’s Dominion – Ro 7:1-6
 1. The Example Given – Marriage – vs 2-3
 - a. If the old husband is still living and she is joined to another - Adultery
 - b. If the old husband is dead, she is free to be joined to another.
 2. The Example explained – vs 4-6
 - a. Old man is crucified w/ Christ, – vs 5
 - i. we are free to be joined to Christ.
 - ii. we are to bring forth fruit unto God.
 - iii. We should serve in newness of spirit - vs 6
 - b. When the Old man was alive, the only fruit we could bring forth was tainted by sin leading to death – vs 5
 - B. The Effort of the person that is not reckoning upon the identification truths is not sufficient to overcome the Law of sin in that one’s members – Ro 7:14-24
- II. Spiritual growth does not involve effort on the part of the Christian.
 - A. The transmittance of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ
 1. a well of water springing up into everlasting life. – Jo 4:14; 6:35,58; 7:38
 2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. - Ro 8:2
 - B. The daily deliverance from the tyranny of self
 1. When one actively reckons oneself to be dead indeed to sin and alive unto God
 - a. The denial of oneself – Mt 16:24; Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23
 - b. The yielding of one’s members – Ro 6:12-19
 2. Otherwise, the default is flesh – Ga 5:16-18
- III. Terms and Quotes
 - A. Justification – The action of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God
 - B. Sanctification – Three parts
 1. Positional - The action of making or declaring something holy, imputing Christ’s righteousness to our account so that God may look on us and be pleased.
 2. Progressive
 - a. The process of being freed from sin and made like Jesus Christ, a work of God using trials to show us what is in us and lead us unto more dependence upon Him.
 - b. Is there effort on the part of the one being sanctified?
 - i. A work of the Spirit - Ro 12:2; 2 Co 3:18
 - ii. The Synergy Aspect - Ro 8:13; 12:2; 2 Co 3:18; Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:5
 3. Ultimate - The action of glorification, making one like Christ when we see Him. – 1 Co 15:51-53; 1 Jo 3:2
 - C. Quotes

1. Pink
 - a. To Follow Christ's example = only by loving, fearing, and obeying the law, shall we be kept from sinning
 - b. Walking as He walked - Gal 5:16; Ro 8:4; 13:8,10; Ga 5:14; Jas 2:8
2. Bonar
 - a. Ro 7:12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.
 - b. When you walk in the Spirit, you fulfill the Law – see above – Ro 13:8, Ga 5:14; Jas 2:8
3. Ryle – The same Holy Spirit . . . will always lead him to a spiritual use of the Law in the pursuit of sanctification.
4. Finney
 - a. It is self-evident that the entire obedience to God's law is possible on the ground of natural ability.
 - b. Ro 7:14-24 seems to say exactly the opposite.
5. Kelly – The new creature has another object before it, and another power acts upon it, in order to produce what is lovely and acceptable to God, Christ the object, realized by the power of the Holy Spirit.
6. Scofield – The law is no longer, as in the divine intent, a ministration of death 2 Co 3:7, of cursing Ga 3:10, or conviction Ro 3:19, b/c we are taught that we must try and keep it, and that by divine help we may. Nor does grace, on the other hand, bring us blessed deliverance from the dominion of sin, for we are kept under the law as a rule of life despite the plain declaration of Ro 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.