



IS THE LAW SIN?



Since we are identified  
with Jesus in God's  
sight, God sees Jesus'  
death and resurrection  
as **our** death and  
resurrection!



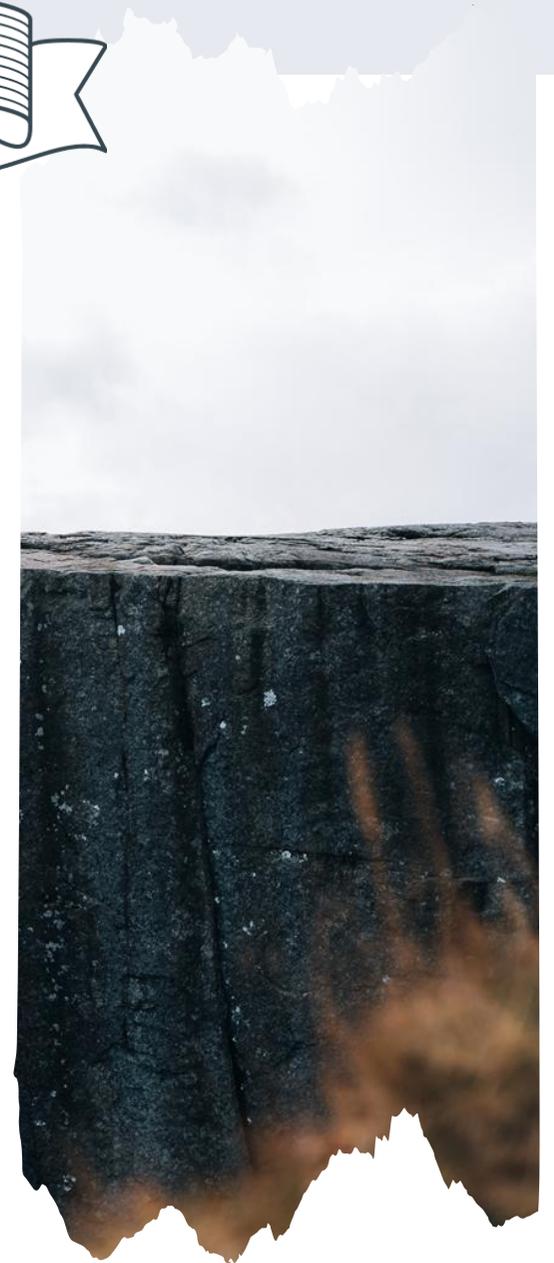
Romans 7:7-8

God has **separated** us  
from the power of the  
sin nature through  
death ***so that*** we could  
walk in a brand new  
life, free from sin.





God has not freed  
us **to** sin,  
but **from** sin!



*Romans 7:7-8*

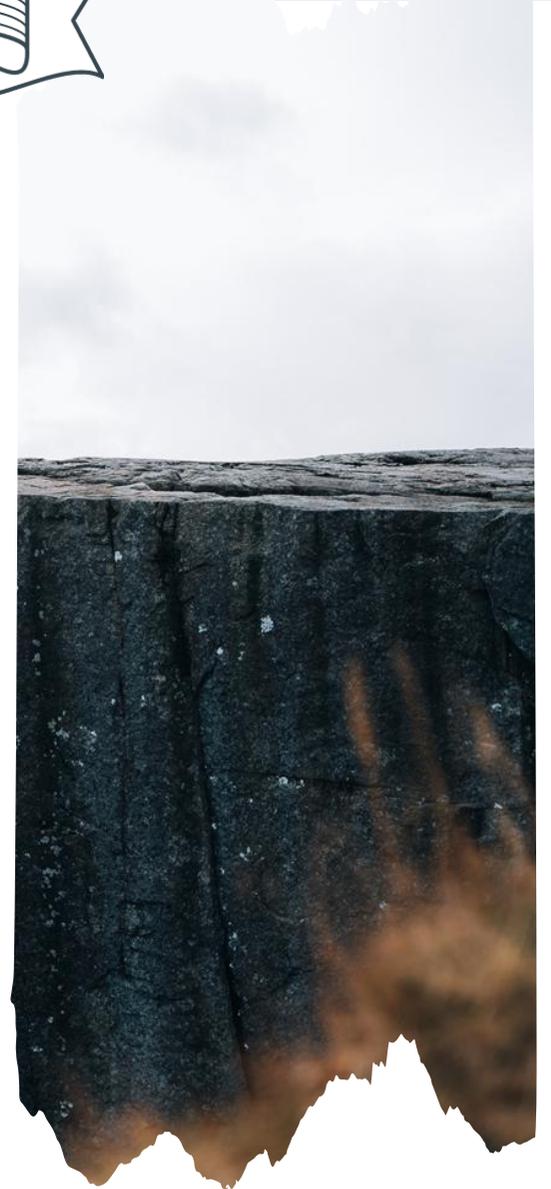
**Q:** How do we get the daily experience of this new life?

**A:** The Christian's responsibility every day for the rest of our lives is – To rest by **faith** in the fact of our participation in Christ's death and resurrection.



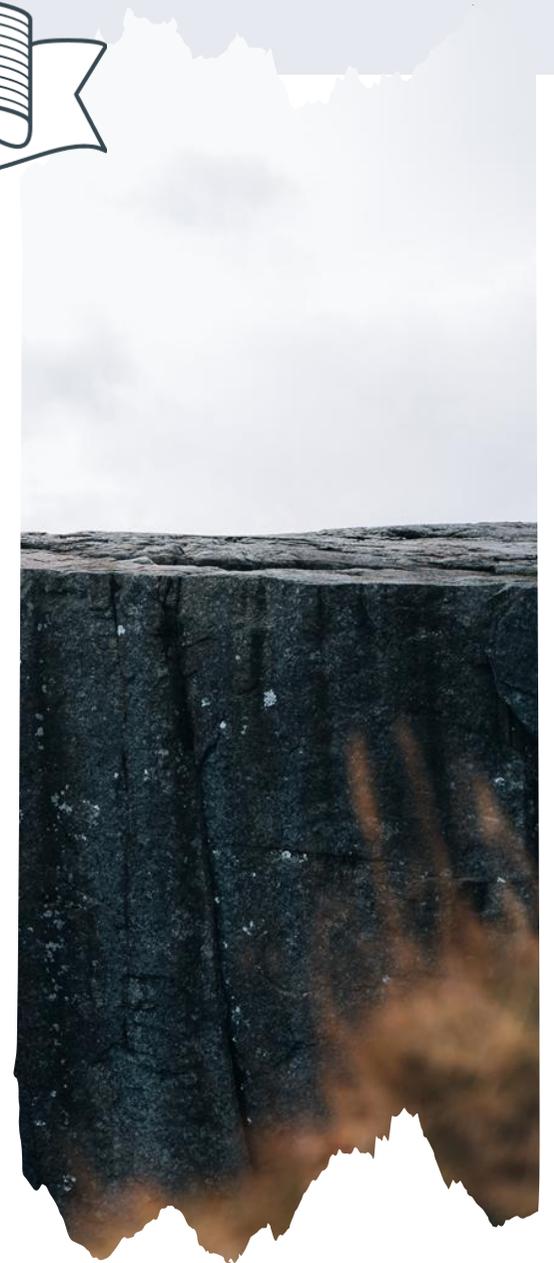


We are free to  
reckon ourselves  
dead to sin **because**  
we are not under  
law but under grace!



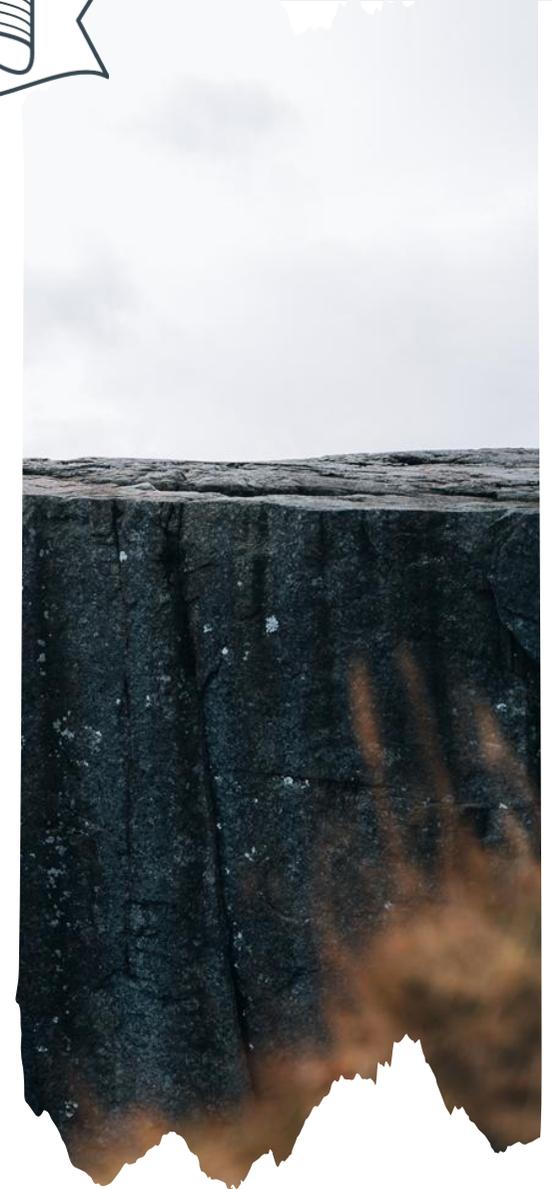


- » It's critical that we understand the fact that we are freed from **law!**
- » We cannot count ourselves **dead to sin** on any other basis!



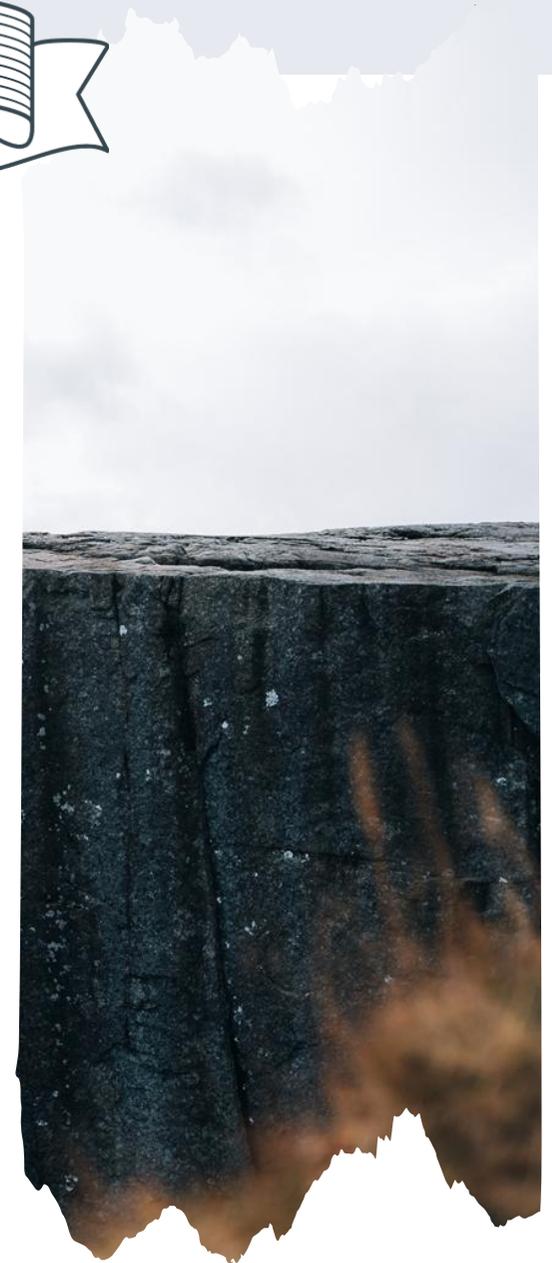


Law doesn't  
restrain sin, law  
**stimulates** sin!



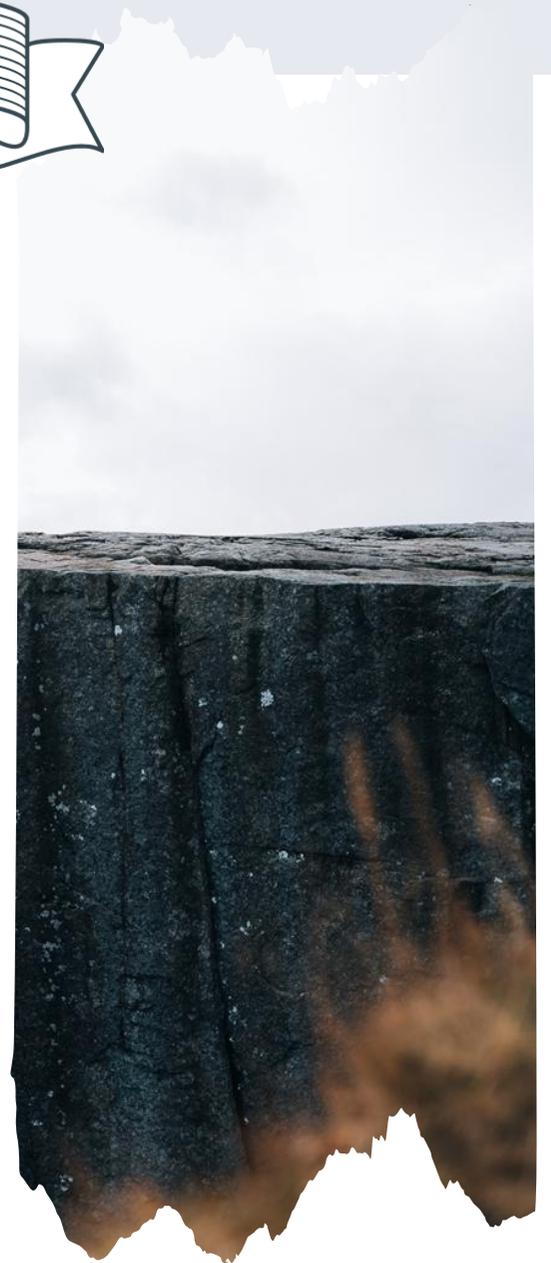
*Romans 7:7-8*

- » We think of sin as doing “bad things.”
- » But the Bible is very clear that human good is also sin.



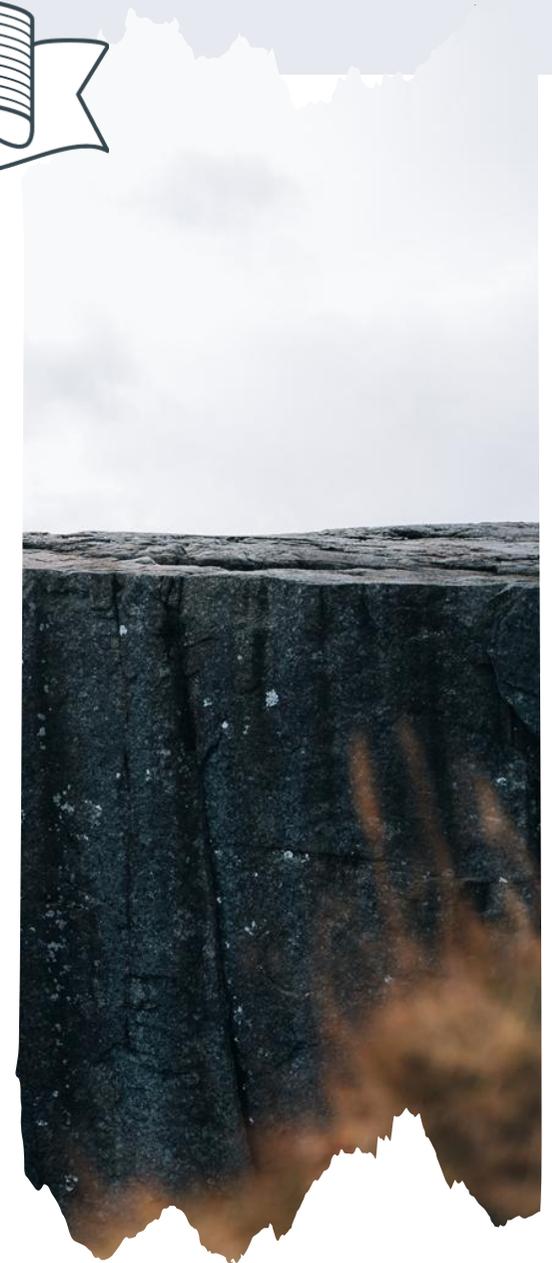


We should really think  
of sin as: anything  
that is sourced in  
**my will** rather than  
in God's will!



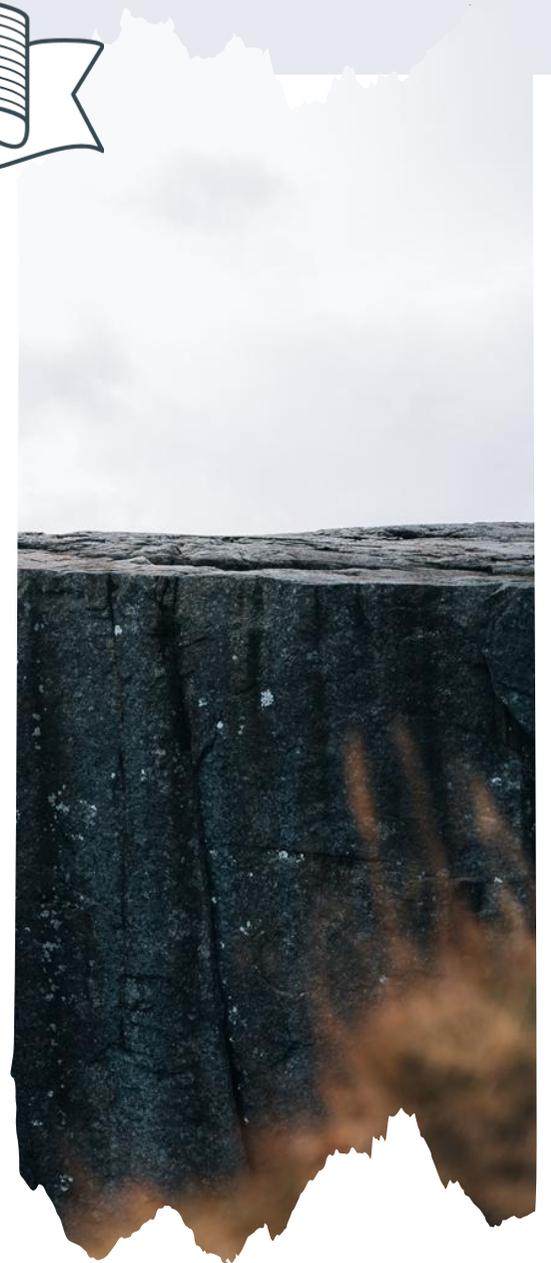


- » Not only have we been **separated** from the rule of law...
- » We've been **joined** to another! The Lord Jesus Christ!





Jesus has a **nature**  
that is totally  
different from the  
rest of mankind.





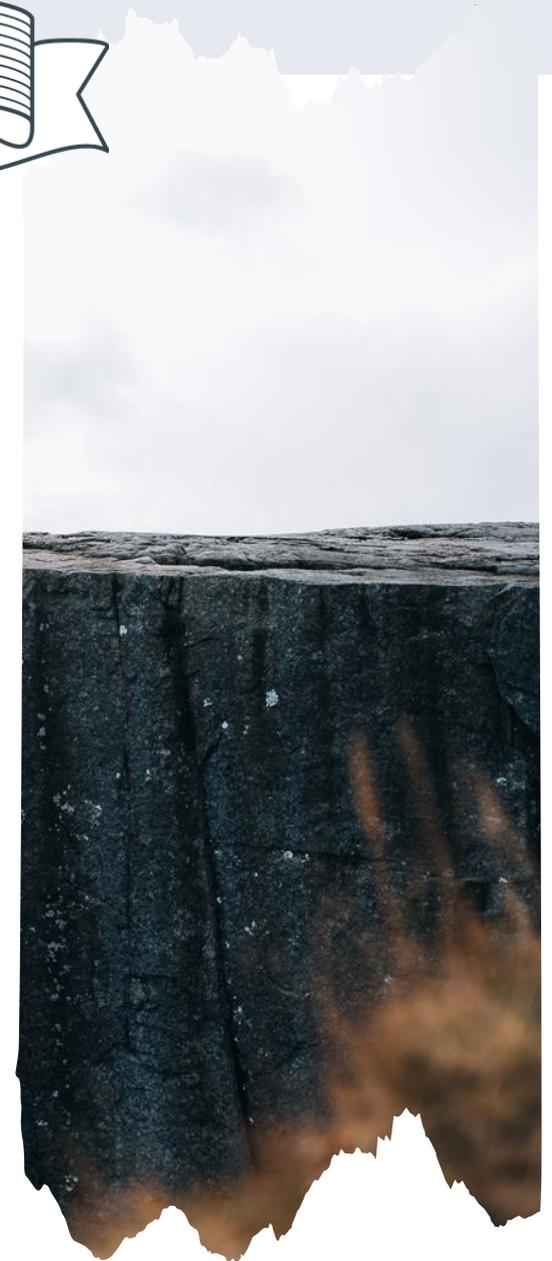
» If the cross is the proof of Jesus' **submission** to the Father...

» The resurrection is the proof of the Father's **acceptance** of the man, Christ Jesus.





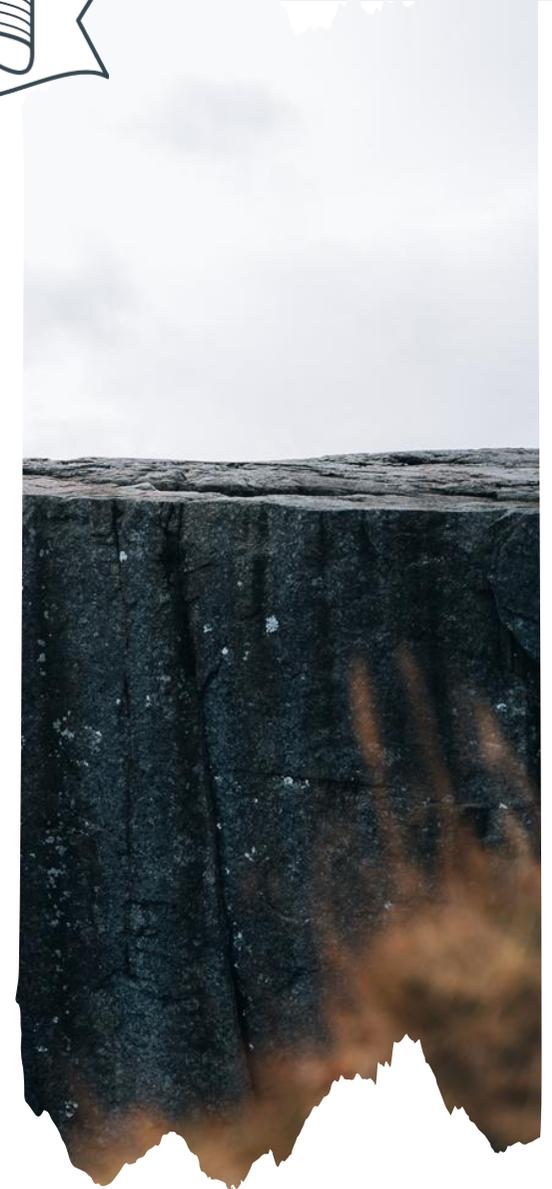
We've been joined to  
the **only man** who  
has the kind of  
nature that is  
acceptable to God!





## TWO SIDES OF THE CROSS:

1. We have been separated from the rule of law, which is the very thing that gave our sin nature a **base of operation**.
2. We've been joined to Jesus Christ who is the source of an entirely new **kind** of life. A life perfectly acceptable to the Father—perfectly submitted to His will.



*Romans 7:4-6*

“What shall we say  
then? Is the  
Law sin?”

*Romans 7:7*





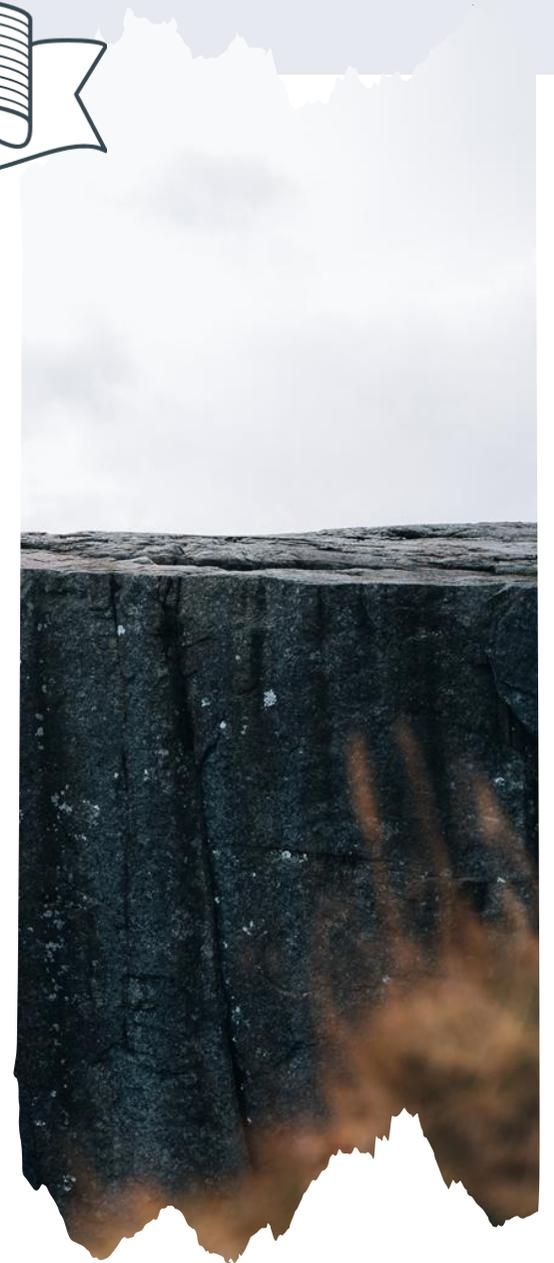
The law proved that even with a **perfect** law directly from God, **no one** can ever live a righteous life pleasing to God.





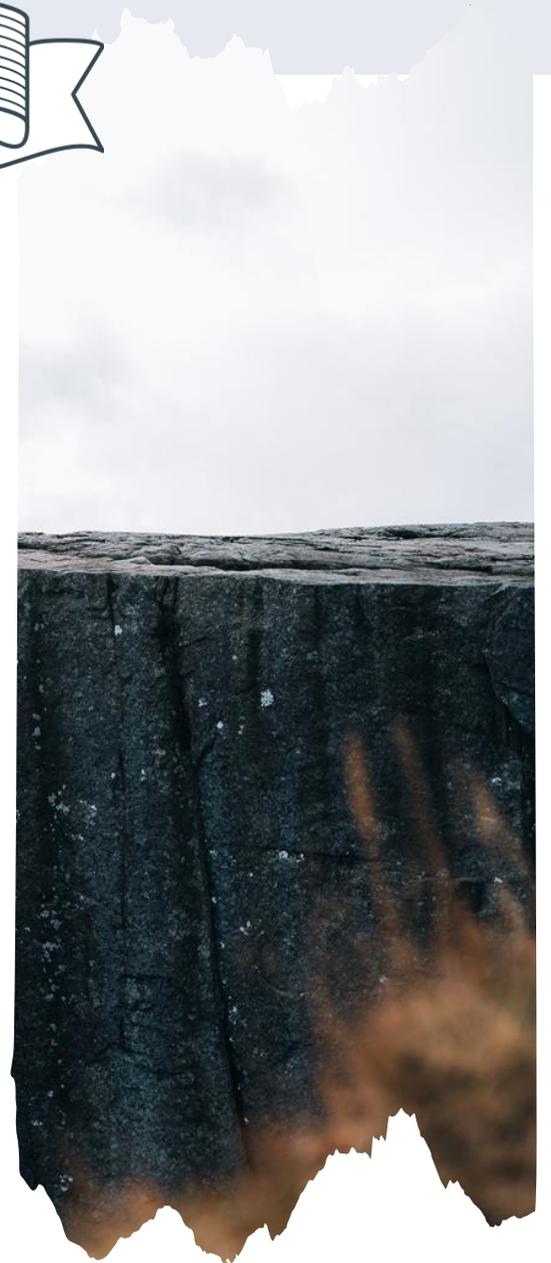
The law is not **sin**.

The law isn't the  
problem. Our  
**sin nature** is the  
problem.





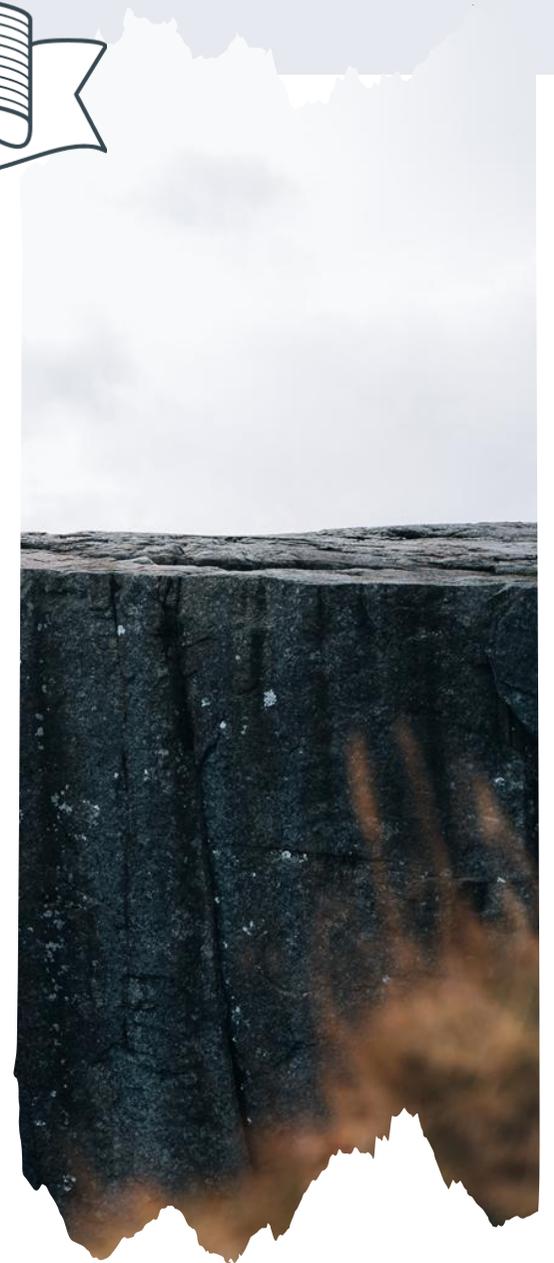
Paul says that we  
wouldn't even  
know what **sin** is if  
the law hadn't said  
not to covet.





Living for self is

**SIN!**



*Romans 7:7-8*

The sin nature is so totally **opposed** to God's will, and so completely bent on self will, that when you place God's perfect law in front of it, it has the ability to use that law as the needed leverage to produce sin.





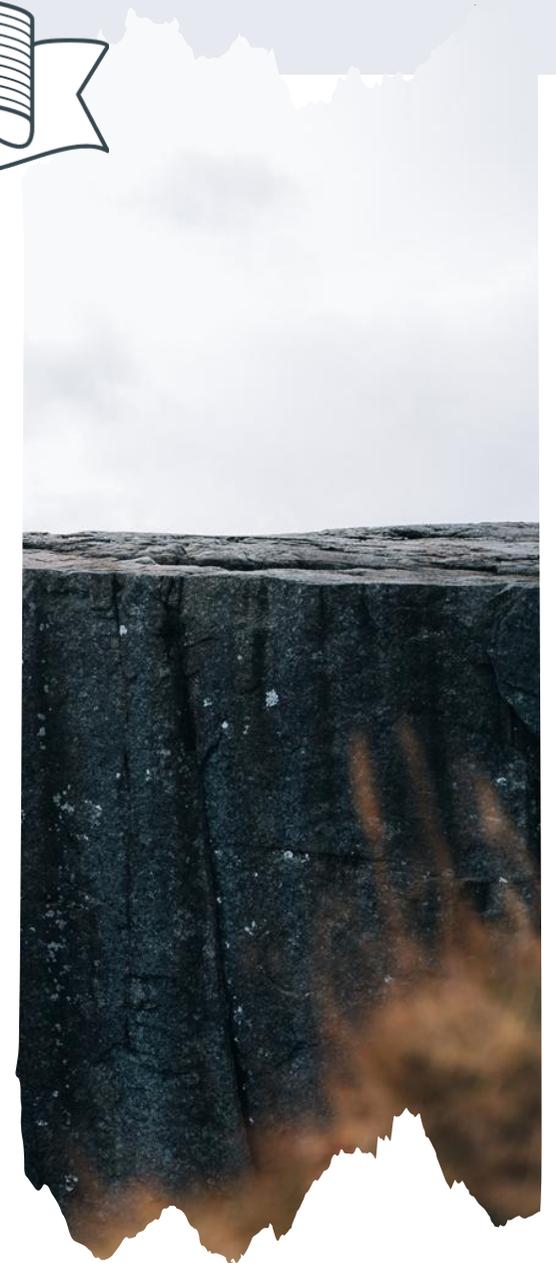
God **never** gave the law so  
that we could keep it!

He gave His law so that we  
would see how totally  
sinful we are.





Being dead to the law...  
means that sin's **power**  
**over us** is broken!





The **only way** that we can possibly live the Christian life is to realize that I **can't** do it. I don't have the nature to live it!

Jesus Christ is going to have to live it through me!

