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- *Let's begin and summarize Rom 7:7-23 with Rom 7:24 - "Wretched man that I am. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"*
 - I thought Paul was saved?
 - What is '*this death*'?
 - How did he get to this point?
 - Do you get to this point?
 - What is your response?
 - Where is the focus of *Rom 7:7-23*?



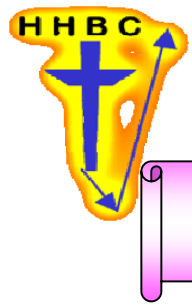
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- *Rom 8:1* ILG - “No then now condemnation to the [ones] in Christ Jesus”
 - Is there a verse in the Bible that better encompasses
 - truth
 - rest
 - liberty
- than *Rom 8:1*?



GREAT GRACE!!!



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- What's all this condemnation about anyway?
 - Condemnation – κατάκριμα - katakrima
 - an *adverse sentence* (the verdict)
 - *John 3:18,19 - "He who believes in Him is **not condemned**; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the **condemnation**, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."*
 - *Rom 5:18 "Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon all men to **condemnation**; even so by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life."*
 - *II Cor 5:21 – "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*



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- *In Rom 7:7-23*, to what does the condemnation relate?
 - Describe what it means to be ‘*in Christ Jesus*’.
 - *Phil 3:9* “*And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.*”
 - How does being ‘*in Christ Jesus*’ affect you day by day?
- ***Rom 8:2 NKJV*** – “*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*”
 - Has the Holy Spirit been mentioned before in *Romans*?
 - Yes, once in *Rom 5:5*



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- Describe the ‘*law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*’.
 - It (He) is **freeing** – ‘...*from the law of sin and death*’ - aorist, active, indicative
 - and ‘*from the law*’ (Mosaic and beyond) – *Gal 5:18*
 - He gives **life** – *II Cor 3:6*
 - He leads in **truth** – *John 16:13*
 - He **teaches** you **all things** – *John 14:26*
 - He **glorifies Christ** – *John 16:14*
- ‘*the law of sin and death*’
 - Consider
 - Sin – the source
 - Death – the separation



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» *I Cor 15:56 – “The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law.”*

- ***Rom 8:3 KJV – “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:”***
 - What does ‘*could not do*’ and ‘*weak through the flesh*’ mean to you?
 - ‘*could not do*’ - *adunatos*
 - without strength, impotent, powerless, weakly, disabled
 - unable to be done, impossible
 - ‘*weak*’ - *astheneo*
 - to be weak, feeble, to be without strength, powerless
 - to be weak in means, needy, poor
 - to be feeble, sick



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- *“For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.” - Rom 7:5*
- *‘God sending His Own Son’*
 - *‘in the likeness of sinful flesh’*
 - image, figure, representation, almost to equality
 - *‘for sin’*
 - ‘the source and all that results from it including sins!’
 - the business of sin’ - JFB
 - *‘condemned sin in the flesh’*
 - judgment rendered



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» to both sin and its power! – *Rom 6:4*

– Reflect on ‘*His Own Son*’ – *Phil 2:7*

- JFB – ‘He not only has the *very nature* of God, even as a son of His Father, but is essentially *of* the Father, though in a sense too mysterious for any language of ours properly to define. And this peculiar relationship is put forward here to *enhance the greatness* and *define the nature* of the relief provided, as coming *from beyond the precincts of sinful humanity altogether*, yea, *immediately from the Godhead itself.*’

GRACE, GRACE and MORE GRACE!

– *Rom 6:6* – ‘*Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*’