

#### THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

## IN THE BEGINNING ... THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL



#### GOOD

**Genesis 1:31** And God saw **every thing** that he had made, and, behold, it was **very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

So the TotKoGaE was created along with all the creation during creation week and therefore was included in what was deemed "very good" by God.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was something that's good; that opens or enlightens the eyes, makes one wise, brings knowledge of what is sin (evil) and what is not sin (good), and yet ... brings death!

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Genesis 3:6a And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food ...

Proverbs 4:2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

**Nehemiah 9:13** Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, **good statutes and commandments**:

Romans 7:16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

#### **ENLIGHTENS EYES**

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Psalm 19:8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

#### **MAKES WISE**

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Psalm 119:98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

## KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD

**Genesis 3:5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Romans 2:20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of **knowledge** and of the truth in the law.

#### KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for <u>by</u> the law is the knowledge of sin.

#### KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL

Romans 7:7-8 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

#### THE LAW IS NOT SIN

#### SIN CONSCIOUS

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:10-11 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

#### SIN CONSCIOUS

Hebrews 10:1-3 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

#### **BRINGS A CURSE**

#### THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE

Genesis 3:17-19 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Galatians 3:10-11 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

#### **BRINGS CONDEMNATION**

Romans 5:14-18 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 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.

**2 Corinthians 3:9** For if **the ministration of condemnation** *be* glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

#### **BRINGS DEATH**

**Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**Genesis 3:3** But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, **Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye <u>die</u>.** 

**2 Corinthians 3:6b** ...<u>for the letter killeth</u>, ... **2 Corinthians 3:7** But if the **ministration of death**, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away:

Romans 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. Romans 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

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Commandments are good









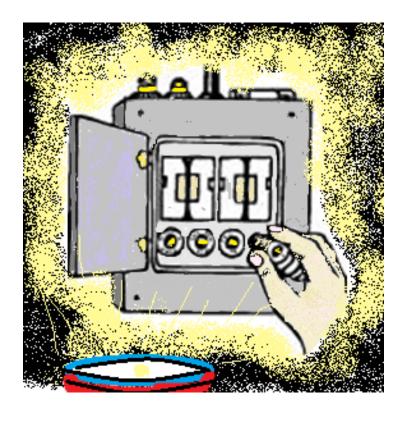
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Romans 7:12-13 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

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#### To reveal man's sinfulness AND Show us how to live

1 Timothy 1:8-10 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

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James 1:22-25 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.



# LAW NEVER GIVES INHERITANCE OF LIFE

Galatians 3:18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.



# LAW NEVER GIVES INHERITANCE OF LIFE

Galatians 3:21-23 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

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Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified
by the law in the sight of God, it is evident:
for, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 3:19-20 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 27

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LAW LEADS YOU TO CHRIST-NOWHERE ELSE YOU CAN GO!

Galatians 3:24-26 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Not Under Penalty of Transgression of the Law Anymore!

Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Colossians 2:13-14 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

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Romans 6:14-15 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Jeremiah 31:31-32 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

#### Law Has Its Place in the New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:33-34 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Not of the Letter but of the Spirit! Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Romans 2:10-15 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself

Psalms 78:5-8 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

The Law came by Moses—Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Romans 7:22-25 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and evil represented the law as a

Schoolmaster/taskmaster:

- It was the instrument of death
- It was based on works of obedience
- It caused us to hide from God
- One infraction was enough to bring swift judgment
- It necessitated the sacrificial death of the Lamb of God

The Tree of Life represented grace through Jesus Christ and the law of the spirit of life:

- It was the instrument of life.
- It is given freely
- It brought fellowship with God
- It could bring life even after sin
- It emphasizes the Kingship of the Lamb

run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. HE. Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

The covenant of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and evil was in effect until the covenant of the Tree of Life. The covenant of the Law was in effect until the covenant of grace was in effect. Jesus Christ is the Way and the Truth and the Life ... pursue after Him



The Law came by Moses—Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The Law says: This do, and thou shalt live. —Grace says: Live, and then thou shalt do.

The Law says: Pay me that thou owest.—Grace says: I honestly forgive thee all.

The Law says: The wages of sin is death.—Grace says: The gift of God is eternal life.

The Law says: The soul that sinneth, it shall die.—Grace says:

Whosoever believeth on Jesus, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on Him shall never die.

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- The Law pronounces condemnation and death.—Grace proclaims justification and life.
- The Law says: Make you a new heart and a new spirit.—Grace says:
- A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.
- The Law says: Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things
- which are written in the Book of the Law to do them.—Grace says:
- Blessed is the man whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sin is
- covered; blessed is the man to whom God will not impute sin.
- The Law speaks of what man must do for God. —Grace tells of what
- Christ has done for man.

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- The Law says: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.—Grace says: Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He first loved us, and gave His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. The Law addresses man as part of the old creation. —Grace makes a man a member of the new creation.
- The Law bears on a nature prone to disobedience. —Grace creates a nature inclined to obedience.
- The Law demands obedience by the terrors of the Law. —Grace beseeches men by the mercies of God.

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- The Law demands holiness.—Grace gives holiness.
- The Law says: Condemn him. —Grace says: Embrace him.
- The Law speaks of priestly sacrifices offered year by year continually, which
- could never make the comers thereunto perfect. —Grace says: But this Man,
- after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever; by one offering hath per-
- fected forever them that are sanctified.
- The Law declares that as many as have sinned in the Law, shall be judged by
- the Law. —Grace brings eternal peace to the troubled soul of every child of
- God, and proclaims God's Truth in defiance of the charges of the Accuser.
  - He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath
  - everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment (condemnation), but is
    - passed out of death unto life. "By grace are ye saved."—

# THANK YOU!



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