

[12] Therefore, do not let the sin reign in your mortal body, to obey it in its desires. [13] And do not present your members to the sin as instruments of unrighteousness. But, present yourselves to the God as alive from the dead, and your members instruments of righteousness to the God. [14] For sin shall not rule you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

[15] What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? May it not be! [16] Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves a slave for obedience, you are slaves to whom you obey, either sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness? [17] But, thanks¹ to the God, that you were slaves of the sin, yet you obeyed from the heart into that form of teaching you received. [18] And having been set free from the sin, you became enslaved to the righteousness.

[19] I speak humanly, because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members slaves of uncleanness and to the lawlessness unto the lawlessness, so now present your members slaves to the righteousness unto sanctification.² [20] For when you were slaves of the sin, you were free to the righteousness. [21] Therefore, what fruit were you having at that time upon which now you are ashamed? For the end of those things is death. [22] But now, being set free from the sin, and being enslaved to the God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life. [23] For the wages of the sin is death, but the gift of the God is eternal life in Christ Joshua our lord.

7[1] Or, do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know law), that the law rules the man upon time, as long as he lives. [2] For the married woman to the living man is bound by law. But if the man dies, she is freed³ from the law of the man. [3] So then, while the man lives, she will be called an adulteress, if she becomes another man's. But if the man dies, she is free from the law, which she will not be an adulteress, being another man's.

[4] So, my brethren, you also became dead to the law, through the body of the Christ, for you became another's, to him who was raised from the dead, so that we might bear fruit to the God. [5] For when we were in the flesh, the passions⁴ of the sin, which are through the law, was working in our members unto the bearing fruit to the death. [6] But now, we were freed⁵ from the law, having died to which we were held, so that we might serve in newness of spirit, and not in oldness of letter.

[7] What then shall we say? The law is sin? May it not be! But, I did not know the sin, except through law. For I also had not known the desire,⁶ except the law was saying, "You shall not desire." [8] But, the sin taking opportunity through the commandment produced in me every desire. For without law sin is dead.

[9] And I was living without law once. But, when the commandment came, the sin came to life again, and I died. [10] And it was found for me, the commandment

1 *Χάρις* (Charis) "thanks" = same word for "grace" (e.g. Romans 6:1).

2 *ἀγιασμόν* (hagiasmon) "sanctification" NKJV; "holiness" KJV - found also in Romans 6:22; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 7; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Timothy 2:15; **Hebrews 12:14**; 1 Peter 1:2.

3 *κατήργηται* (katêrgêtai) "freed" - same word as in Romans 6:6 "nullified" (TT).

4 *παθήματα* (pathêmata) "passions" - for passion also only in Galatians 5:24, elsewhere for suffering (Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 1:5-7; Philippians 3:10; Colossians 1:24; 2 Timothy 3:11; Hebrews 2:9-10; 10:32; 1 Peter 1:11, 4:13; 5:1, 9).

5 *κατηργήθημεν* (katêrgêthêmen) "freed" - same root verb as in verse 2.

6 *ἐπιθυμίαν* (epithumian) "desire"; NKJV "covetousness"; CEB "desire for what others have" - see Exodus 20:17 and footnote, and verb form of this noun in Matthew 5:28.

which was unto life, it was unto death. [11] For the sin taking opportunity through the commandment deceived me, and through it killed. [12] So then, the law is holy, and the commandment holy and righteous and good.

[13] Therefore, the good to me became death? May it not be! But, the sin, so that it might appear sin, through the good to me, produced death. So that, the sin might become exceedingly sinful through the commandment.