

Freedom of the flesh

- obey neither God nor laws, do what they please
 - the devil sets the wicked "free" to sin
 - self-deception
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Freedom from original sin and its fruits

Rom 6:18-23



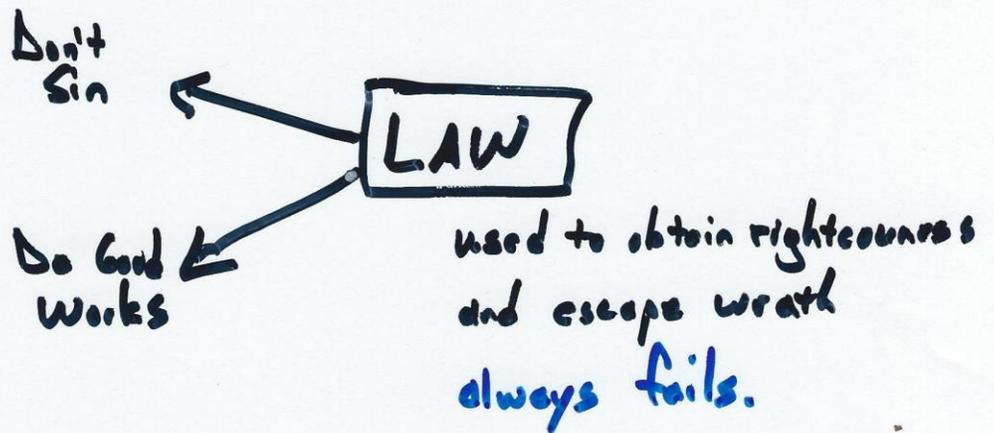
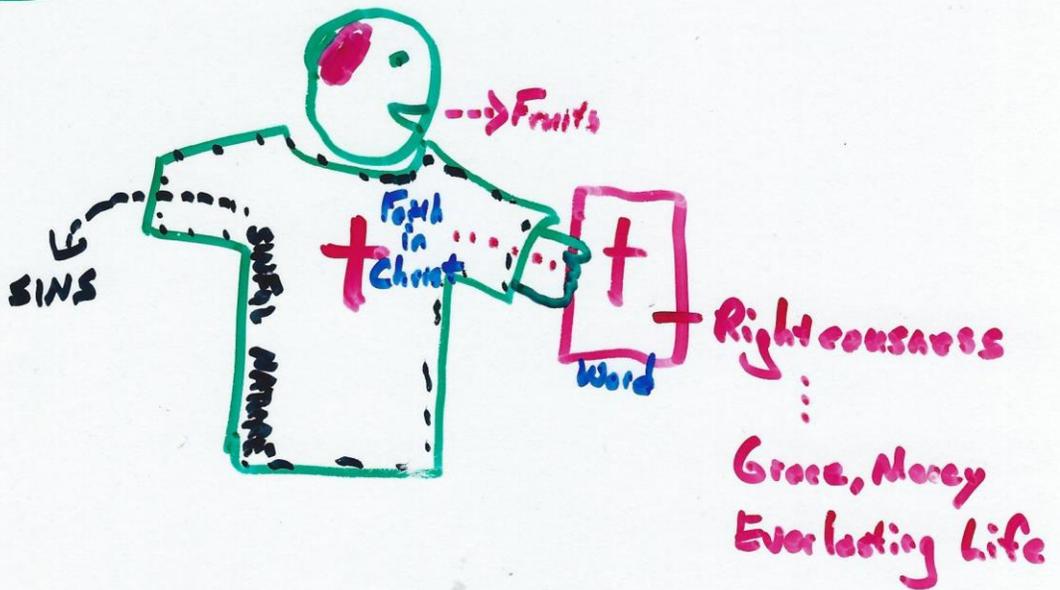
Rom 8:31-36

slave of sin

does not abide forever

Word
disciples
truth
free

} Son
makes
free



Freedom / Liberty

1) To be at one's own disposal (in contrast to a slave)

2) Political Freedom - self-government

Laws (of the common will) form the limits of freedom

Freedom under the law

Laws give protection from the desires of individual or mass

3) Philosophical Freedom - independent self-determination

External things are not at our disposal

Knowledge of what I can and cannot control

Freedom from false dogma (seeking to impose false reality)

To seek my autonomy (keep what I own; let go of what oppresses)

Seek freedom from my inner pathos (world in me)

Free from circumstances, from world, (retreat inward)

Peace in the impossibility of isolated lordship

Stoic - control over menacing external existence
by control of inward soul

4) New Testament Freedom

New Testament Freedom

- Man cannot be free outwardly or inwardly
There is no self-dominion

- 1) Freedom from obedience to the desires of sinful nature to commit sin
- 2) Freedom from obedience to devil and world
- 3) Freedom from law's accusations concerning failure to keep the law
- 4) Freedom from law's urging to righteousness by works urging to self-justification
- 5) Freedom from law's threat of punishment and death
- 6) Freedom from self-deception into the truth of faith in Jesus Christ
- 7) The promise of the Gospel gives freedom through the creation of faith.

