The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus....THE new Law in operation that brings Divine Healing

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Part 1

Introduction:

The Bible is like a two-leaved book. Or a two-columned page. Its themes: Life/death; blessing/cursing; joy/grief; healing/sickness; righteousness/sin.

In Romans 8:2 we see two laws:

the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus and
the law of sin and death.

Sin and death became the ruling law of creation through Adam:

"By one man, Adam, sin came into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men" Romans 5:12

Another Adam came: Jesus Christ and through His Death and Resurrection, He loosed another Law: the Law of the Spirit of Life:

"....the first man, Adam was made a living soul; the **last Adam** was made a quickening (Life-giving) spirit." 1 Corinthians 15:45

> "....he who has the Son has Life." 1 John 5:12

At the time you were saved, you received a New Birth AND a New Law.

My purpose here is to 'unwrap' these realities that you NOW possess so that you can be released into the 'glorious liberty of the sons (children) of God', (Romans 8:21) and a life of wellness that can be yours.

Learn ABOUT this New Law AND learn TO LIVE IT. Keep it simple. Learn about it. Learn to live it.

God knows we are human and His intent is not to make being a Believer complicated. In each situation, with each thought, emotion, and decision when you are dealing with illness, do this one thing:

DO ACCORDING TO THE NEW LAW OF LIFE operating IN you.

In studying this Law of Life, I found a commentary on Romans by David Brown. He sets forth some powerful ways of expressing the truth of this New Law. I have used his words and statements in this study and added my own comments for clarity.

If you are in need of healing or want to live a life of wellness, your knowledge of the facts of Redemption must go beyond the basics. You must come to know the 'mind of Christ' and the 'operations' the Spirit has performed in establishing and losing in you this Law of Life in Christ Jesus. A permanent foundation in these facts must be laid AND THEN LIVED BY.

Romans Chapter 8 shows

THE GLORIOUS COMPLETENESS OF THEM THAT ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.

In this surpassing chapter the several streams of the preceding argument (Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Romans 6:1) meet and flow in one "river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb," until it seems to lose itself in the ocean of a blissful eternity.

The scope of the section of verses in <u>Romans 8:1-4</u> is to show <u>how</u>:

"the law of sin and death" is **deprived** of its power to **bring** believers **again** into bondage, and how the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus operating in them **enables** them to live a life of obedience.

Romans 8:1: There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. (King James Version)

There is NOW no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus--

Just As Christ, who "knew no sin," was, <u>to all legal effects</u>" made sin for us," so we, who believe in Him, are <u>to all legal effects</u>, "made the righteousness of God in Him" (<u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u>); and thus, <u>we were one with Him</u> in the Divine <u>Reckoning (God treated Christ as us and us as Christ)</u>.

"....for He (God) made him (Jesus), who knew no sin, TO BE sin for us, that we might BE MADE the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins and then He poured his righteousness into us. Living Translation

<u>Your redemption was a legal action as well as a spiritual one</u>, this is why we see the term 'law' mentioned so many times in Romans.

There is to those who are <u>ONE WITH HIM</u>, "<u>NO CONDEMNATION</u>" before the Court of Heaven (Compare John 3:18 5:24 Rom 5:18, 19).

But this is no mere legal arrangement (this wasn't just done as a matter of legal actions in the Divine Court), but:

it is (in actuality) a union in *life*; believers, **through the indwelling** of <u>Christ's Spirit</u> in them, **have** <u>one</u> spiritual life (ZOE) <u>with</u> Him, as truly as your head **and** your body have one physical life.

Picking up our train of thought:

Romans 8:1: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,

who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit

The evidence of manuscripts seems to show that **this clause formed no part of the original text of this verse**, but that the first part of it (who walk not after the flesh) was early introduced by the translators, and the second (but after the Spirit) later, probably as an explanatory comment, and to make the transition to <u>Romans</u> <u>8:2</u> easier.

Let's then read Romans 8:1 WITHOUT the added part: There is therefore NOW NO CONDEMNATION to them who are IN CHRIST JESUS (now go right on to Romans 8:2 without stopping): <u>for</u> the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. (read that again a few times so you can get the true sense of it)

Here are some other renderings of Romans 8:1:

Now there is no accusing voice nagging those who are united to Jesus Christ (Johnson).

.....no sentence of punishment (Rotherham).

There is no condemning law in force to defeat us now that we are identified with Jesus (Richert).

There is, then, no charge outstanding against those who are in (wedlock to) Jesus Christ (Jordan).

We can therefore say that there is now no condemnation for those whose life is one with the life of Christ (Barclay).

.....no death sentence hanging over those who are in Christ Jesus (Norlie).

How does Romans 8:1 apply to Divine Healing?

The 'key' is found in the words, 'no condemnation'.

Sickness is 'baby death'.

God is not 'condemning' you to a life of sickness and disease.

The ministry of Jesus, His death on the Cross, the stripes on His back, His Resurrection, your New Birth, ALL have cleared the path for you from a state of being condemned to live a life of sickness and disease into being able, by the power of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, to live a life of wellness.

When I was facing a 'sentence of death' through a sickness, I heard the Holy Spirit say to me:

"....you are not condemned to death for there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."

I saw Romans 8:1 beyond the truth of justification/being cleared of all the charges against me and the consequences of my sins. I saw that I was not 'condemned' to suffer anything Christ has redeemed me from when I lived under the 'law of sin and death'.

The fear of dying left me.

I had an open road before me....a road to life through Life.

Thank God someone had shown me a Jesus Who is the Healer.

Thank God someone had told me it was not God's will for me to die early.

He and I kept working with that Word hidden in my heart to bring me perfect health.

Next: Romans 8:2