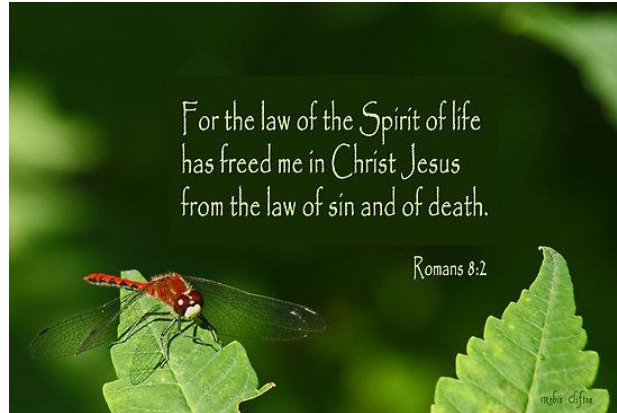


Romans 8:2 - The ‘Granddaddy’ of all the Healing Verses
Or: What is the New Birth Worth?



I call Romans 8:2 the ‘Granddaddy’ of all the verses pertaining to our freedom in Christ from both sin **and** sickness.

Prior to the new birth(salvation), sin and death were THE LAW of your life. You couldn’t do right even if you wanted to. You did wrong even if you didn’t want to.

After the new birth you are in Christ and Life (Zoe, the God-kind of Life) has become the dominant law of your NEW being.

Where sin was the nature of the devil in you the spirit, now the Life of God is in you the spirit.

- You ARE a spirit.
- You POSSESS a soul (mind, will, emotions)
- You LIVE in a body.

You the spirit received God’s Nature, not your soul or body.

The Holy Spirit said to me:

***“You must learn about the Law of Life
and train yourself to live it.”***

Let's read some versions of Romans 8:2:

(KJV) (There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus Vs. 1),
For **the law of the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus **hath made me free** from **the law of sin and death**.

(Knox) The spiritual principle of life has set me free, in Jesus Christ, from the principle of sin and death.

(Translator's NT) For the principle of spiritual life in Christ Jesus has liberated me from the principle of sin and death.

(Amplified) **the law of our new being**....

(Living) **for the power of the life-giving Spirit, and this power is mine through Christ Jesus, has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death.**

(Good News) for **the law of the Spirit**, which **brings** us life **in union** with Christ Jesus, **has set me free** from the law of sin and death.

(Jordan) For **the Spirit's law of new life in Christ Jesus** **released you** from **the claims** of the law of sin and destruction.

(Hudson) For **the constraining power of the Spirit that brings life has set me free**....

(Barclay) For when, through **union with** Christ Jesus, I **came under the law** of the 'Life-Giving Spirit', I was emancipated from the law of death-bringing sin. **(I was emancipated from the law of the 'Death-Bringing Spirit'/Satan.)**

(Jerusalem) Vs. 1 & 2: **The reason, therefore, why those who are in Christ Jesus are not condemned, is that the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death (death-bringing sin).**

As you look over the following commentary on Romans 8:2, please read slowly and carefully....so that each word is 'activated' inside you.

David Brown commentary: "the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus" here in Romans 8:2 means,

"that **new principle of action** which the Spirit of Christ has **opened up within us –the law of our new being.**"

PRINCIPLE OF ACTION:

Principle/definition by John G. Lake: "A **principle is not a dogma, or a doctrine.** It is that **underlying quality (the Life of God), that fundamental truth(you have been born again), upon which all other things (in your relationship with God) are based.** The **underlying qualities (in this case your new birth) is the foundation** upon which **the whole structure of your Christian life rests** and upon which the **real government of Jesus Christ (in your life) will be founded and exercised.**"

Our focus for healing:

The underlying quality/fundamental truth IS: you have been born again. You have a new nature. God's Nature. LIFE.

(I would recommend you learn more about this LIFE so that you can live it. I have a series of 7 videos on this topic:

[Eternal Life - the Present Possession of the Believer](#)

David Brown commentary continued:

This **new principle of action/new nature** which the Spirit of Christ has **opened up within YOU** –the Law of **your new being**, "set you free" from

the law of sin and death **as soon as it took possession of your inner man**.....

It **SET YOU FREE** from the **enslaving power** of that corrupt principle (sinful nature) which **carries death in its bosom**.

The "strong man armed"(sinful nature/nature of the devil and his rule of sin and death) **WAS OVERPOWERED** by the "**Stronger** (Christ) than he"(Satan);

....the **weaker** principle (nature/law of sin and death) is **dethroned and expelled** by **the more powerful; the principle/nature of spiritual life**.

The 'principle of spiritual Life/Zoe' **prevailed against AND brought into captivity** the principle (nature) of spiritual death.

This law/principle is not just words written in a **legal** paper,

- but an inward, **vital** nature
- operating **with the fixedness and regularity** of a law.

Where Sin(sin nature operating as a law) **WAS** this principle of action,

- **NOW** (note the tense: PRESENT)
- **Life is the principle(nature/power) of action in the believer.**

Romans 8/The Message

8 1-2 With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, **that fateful dilemma** (of doing what we didn't want to do and not doing what we should do) **is resolved**.

Those who **enter into** Christ's being-here-for-us **no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud**.

A new power is in operation:

- The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind,
- has magnificently cleared the air,
- **freeing you** from
- a fated **lifetime** of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

3-4 **God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son.**

- He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant.
- In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition,
- entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to
- set it right once and for all.

The law code (10 commandments), weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that. The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it.

Now what the law code asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished:

- as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts,
- ***simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us (through the New Birth).***

Your Line-in-the-Sand Statement based on Romans 8:2:

Since/because I am in Christ, my inward being (spirit man) has a new law operating in him.....the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. This **Life-Law** has set me free from the sin-death law that dominated my being. That sin-death law resulted in sickness and physical death. I have been set free from that sin-death law as a principle of action in my life, and I have been set free from the 'vicious cycle' that trapped me in a life of sickness and disease. I have been emancipated from the 'concentration camp' of sin and death. I do not have to obey, yield to or live under the laws of that camp any longer.

***I am in the Yoke of my new master.....Life in Christ.
I embrace what the Spirit is doing IN ME.***

Learn about this Law/Life and train yourself to live it.

God has done His part in delivering you from Satan's nature ruling you like a law through the New Birth.

Now YOU must enforce on him(Satan) and his works the NEW LIFE that you are being quickened by.

Resist his works.

Resist his temptations.

Resist his sickness & disease.

Use the Name.

Use the Armor of God.

Use the Faith that Overcomes the World.

We have given the greatest answer to the question:

What is the New Birth worth?

It has delivered you from the power of darkness & translated you into the Kingdom of God's Dear Son where you have been given an inheritance that cannot be defiled or fades away.

Gordon Lindsey: "As long as we think sickness is inevitable, it will continue to harass us unless we take dominion and refuse to tolerate it. We must recognize sickness as a curse, the work of Satan and something to be banished from our lives or we will succumb to it."

(The Bible Secret of Divine Health, Christ for the Nations Inc. 2001)