

Does a Christian Live Through a Royal Law ?

James 2:8,

*“If ye fulfil the **royal law** according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well.”*

II Thessalonians 2:7-8, “...And then shall that Lawless One be revealed...”

Deuteronomy being a Greek word meaning "two laws," the word Deuteronomy. **And God has two laws.**

And one of them is the law of death, to be disobedient to His Word. We find that, when Eve disobeyed His Word, it brought death. That's one of His laws, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." (*Gen. 2:15-17*).

And then He has another law, which is the law of Life, to be obedient, if you don't do such things. Keeping His Word, you'll live (*Rom. 8:1-2*).

It boils down to two things, to my way of thinking, that's, **either keeping His Word or disobeying His Word.**

One of these laws was given at Mount Sinai (*Exod. 19+20:1-21*). **That's the law of death. The other law was given at Mount Calvary, where the law of Life was given, through Christ Jesus** (*John 19:17-30*).

He also has two covenants.

He had a covenant with Adam, the first man on earth. **And that covenant was on conditions,** "If you do so-and-so, I'll do so-and-so." Adam would had something to do in order to keep this covenant alive before God. **He had to walk in God's ways, keeping all of His Word, not breaking one Word.**

But then He made another covenant, and that was with Abraham. This covenant was not on conditions, but **was unconditionally.** God gave the covenant to Abraham, no strings tied to it, at all. **Unconditional!** Not, "I will." "I have! I've already done it." (*Gen. 15*).

And that's the law that Christians must live by. Is not what we do ourselves, but what He has done for us. Christ has already been sacrificed. Not, "He will be." He has been! It's a finished product. He lived, died, rose again, ascended into Heaven, **has come back in the form of the Holy Ghost** (*John 16:12-23*). **So, it's a finished work, with God.** Christ, knowing no sin, became my sin; that I might stand in His place, **He took my place** (*II Cor. 5:21*). **I was in Him, at Calvary, when He died** (*Rom. 6:6*). There I must die with Him, to live. **Because the law of sin and death is in the body, you have to die** (*John 12:24-25; Rom. 7:18-25*), **to be reconciled to Him.** [1]

Jesus said that His Word was a Seed that a sower went forth to sow. Now, we're all acquainted with that (*Matt. 13:1-43; Luke 8:11*). Notice, then, **this Word, being a Seed. But, remember, the seed is only bringing forth a new life when it dies.**

And that's the reason it was so hard for those Pharisees to understand our Lord Jesus Christ, because they were under the **law. And the law was the Word of God in seed form. But when the Word was made flesh, and become, not law, but grace** (*John 1:14*). Now, **grace and law cannot exist at the same time.** Cause, **grace is so far above law,** law is not even in the picture. And therefore it's so hard for the Pharisees to die to their law, so that grace could be born. But it must go. **The two laws cannot exist at the same time** (*Rom. 8:1-2*). [2]

And that's just what God has, two different laws. And one of them is a **law of death,** and the other one is a **law of Life. God has two laws. To follow Him, and serve Him and worship Him, is Life; to reject It is death.** There is two laws in God.

Now, one of those laws was made recognized to the world, at **Mount Sinai.** God gave the law to Moses and Israel (*Deut. 5*). Not that the law could help them, **but the law only pointed out to them that they were sinners** (*Rom. 7:7-18*). **Until that time, they didn't know what sin was, till they had a law.** There cannot be a law without a penalty. A law is not a law, without penalty. So, therefore, "The **transgression of the law is sin** (*Rom. 5:12-21*), **and the wages of sin is death**" (*Rom. 6:23*). So therefore, until God made them a law, there was no transgression reckoned to them. If there's no law here that says you can't run over twenty miles an hour, then you could run over twenty miles an hour. But when there's a law says you can't do it, then there's a law and a penalty behind it.

Now, **the law of death was the commandments given on Mount Sinai,** which told man that he was a sinner. **And, to transgress God's law, he died. But there's no salvation in the law.** It was only a policeman that could put you in jail; it had nothing to bring you out with. **But then He gave another law, that was at Mount Calvary** (*John 19:17-30*), **where sin was reckoned in Jesus Christ, and there the penalty was paid** (*Isaiah 53:4-5*). Without law, "**but by grace you are saved**" (*Eph. 2:8-9*), by the grace of God, through predestination of God's foreknowledge of your being (*Rom. 8:29-30*). [3]

Moses represented the law. The prophets represented His justice. We could not live by His law. We could not live by His justice. I don't ask justice; **I want mercy, not justice. I can't keep His law, and I can't meet His justice; but I need His mercy** (*Eph. 2:4-5*). And God said the law and justice

has been met in Him. "He's My beloved Son. Hear ye Him. That's Him; that's the One." (*Matt. 17:1-8*). [4]

God said (in the Old Testament) if a man was caught in adultery, or a woman, take them out there and stone them to death. That settled it. See? If he's even caught picking up a weight of a stick, on the sabbath day, "Take him and stone him." They lived by it then. And now, see, **we don't have them kind of laws today**. But the Christian, the church, what I'm talking to, **that law of God is in your heart** (*Heb. 10:14-18*). See? **You have no desire to do it** (*Heb. 10:1-2*). **It's inside here. You want to keep God's law so perfect**. No matter what it is, you want to be just what... If God needs a doormat at the door, He wants you to be that doormat, you're so happy to be that. No matter what it would be, you want to be the doormat. See? **Whatever God wants you to do, that's what you want to do, 'cause it's God. Now, that's where you really find your real, genuine, true love for God** (*Rom. 5:5*). [5]

How horrible sin was. How horrible, not was, but what it is now. And if that was under the law **and Christ come to magnify the law...** He said, "*You've heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill... but I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment*": **magnified it**. "*You've heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery* (that was the act), *but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery*": magnified it thousands of times. Well, if it taken fourteen generations for that to fade out then, what about when the magnifying glass of God's thrown on it? (*Matt. 5:21-30*). [6]

What does Paul mean by freedom and liberty in Christ? What way is freedom from law? (According to Gal. 5:1-26).

Well, **you're not bound by law**. I'll explain in the natural way. For instance, out here it says go down the street, thirty miles an hour is all the faster you can go. All right now. Now if I go down the street forty miles an hour, I'm condemned by the law. But if I go down the street just thirty miles an hour, **I'm not under the law**. See? **That's freedom in Christ, the same thing**.

You're not bound by the law as long... If I don't steal, lie, smoke, commit adultery, any of those things there, I'm not bound by no law. See? **I'm free from the law; I'm in Christ**. [7]

His laws demand His justice. And **a law without penalty is not law**.

If I would say, made a law here in the city, "It's a fine to run a red light," and then there's no penalty to it, you'd just keep on running red lights. But there's got to be a penalty. And **the penalty of God's law, to reject His program, is death.** And there had to be a death, so it had to be paid. [8]

That's God's purpose for Jesus Christ, was to express Himself, to take His Own laws and live by His laws, and fulfill His law, by death. And Christ, God, died in flesh, in order to condemn sin in the flesh (Rom. 8:3), that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, that will believe only in the Word of God; and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of man. You see it?

And the whole purpose then is left in Jesus Christ, **to become God Himself to take the penalty of His Own law, death, to die, to redeem the wife that was lost by rejecting Him.** [9]

Now listen. If you really are born of the Spirit of God, that means everything to you. See? It ain't some book of rules. You don't live any laws. **You live by the grace of God, the Spirit of God (Gal. 5:22).** [10]

A person who lives their life for themselves, lives a selfish life. We must live for others: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2). And we got to have a feeling for one another. And therefore, when you do all you know how to do, then when you do lay down at night, well, **you have the consolation knowing that you tried your best.**

I can't make everyone believe. That's impossible. Jesus couldn't do that when He was on earth. **And I know there'll just be a few that believe.** But if anything I can add to help the Gospel, that's my duty of being here, **is to try to help somebody along the way.** [11]

"And they that are sons of God are led by the Spirit of God." (Rom. 8:14). Then when the human element goes out, **and the Spirit of God fills that vacancy,** where you empty yourself, then will be when the Church in Its power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, will walk in His steps, in His Power, in His thoughts, in His Being, in His moving... You see what I mean? **Then your thoughts will become words, and words will become material. That's when the Church in its power...**

I believe it's on its road, that when the Church will be so wrapped in Christ, the Holy Spirit, mankind so away from themselves, that they don't see themselves, they don't have no thoughts but to serve God. And their thoughts move on. They refuse the things of the world. **They just move in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, move in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, so fulfill the law of Christ (Rom. 8:1-2). Then the love of Christ in the human**

heart, moving in the Holy Ghost, that great wonderful Church will go forth with power and Deity; because Deity will be revealed in human beings by the Holy Spirit bringing to pass the thought of their mind. [12]

There's a law, there's a law given amongst everything. You know, a fish has a law. And that fish can stand up here in water, and he has a law within him. If he will just let go of that law that's in him, he can sink plumb to the bottom of the sea: won't bother him a bit; won't break one cell.

You try to do it. That law's not in you. You can't do it, but the fish can. He deflates himself of that air, such a way that he can; there's nothing in him to burst open. And he's made that way; he knows it, and he can enforce that law to take him plumb to the bottom of the sea and then raise him back up again.

Oh, there was a law in Christ; that law's in man. You can bury him to the deepest grave, or the deepest sea, or the lowest hell; **there's a law of the Spirit of God, that'll raise him up again.** See? (*John 5:28-29*).

A bird has a law. Now, its body's material; it's earthbound, sets on the earth here; but it has a law within it, that the way it spreads its wings, it can fly plumb out of sight. That's against science. They claim it's earthbound; gravitation has to hold it here. But it can defy gravitation, lift itself right off of it, and go right on out; **because it has to put that law that's in it to work; and it's built to possess that law.**

Now, we have a law, the law of the Life in us. Only thing you have to do... You're made, **and born, and placed here in the Body of Christ as sons and daughters of God** (*I Cor. 12:13*). You don't have to "knuck" down to the devil. **We've got a law; that's the law of the Holy Spirit.** The only thing you have to do, **is know how to let go and let God. You keep fighting at it, and it won't never work. When you let go and let God, that's all...** (*Psalms 37:5-7*).

If the fish said, "Wait, I'll catch my breath real good; I'll breathe up a little oxygen in me, and I'll see if I can go down." No, he does that, he will burst open. See?

The bird says, "I'll see how fast I can run down here, and maybe I'll take off." No, he won't do it; he will fall down. See? **He's got to know how that law can control him.**

And the same way it is with us, it isn't what we fight, and pull, and hurry, and, "Oh, if I don't get this; if I don't get that"; that's not it; **it's to know that the law of Life is in you. And you just let go and let God. Then He takes you to your healing, takes you to the baptism of the Spirit, or anything that He's promised. Any claim that He's given is yours, and by letting go and letting God...**

God has set all of His laws to serve Him, both natural and spiritual, working according to His Word, regardless of the conditions. I love that.

God sets all of His laws in motion. Think of it; let it soak in now. See? **God set all of His laws into motion; that it must work according to His own Word. His laws have to work according to His Word.** He commanded the sun; He commanded the moon; He commanded the earth; He commanded nature; and they all fall right in line. And all the laws work in harmony with God's spoken Word. **And the law of Life that's in us will also bring us to a resurrection. It's got to. It's impossible for it not** (*Rev. 20:4-6*).

That's the reason the law of Life that was in Christ... When the Word was spoken and said, *"I'll not suffer My holy One to see corruption, neither will I leave His soul in hell"* (*Psalms 16:10*), there wasn't enough time; **there wasn't enough devils**; there wasn't enough anything to keep Christ in that grave till His body begin to rot; **because the law of God would bring the Word to pass. And the law of God, by the Holy Spirit, brings any promise to pass, regardless of the conditions.** [13]

There is a law of nature; there is no way at all to get around it. It's a law of nature. **And then there is a law of the spirit; there is, also, no way of getting around that** (*Rom. 13:8-10; John 13:34; Matt. 22:34-40*). [14]

Now that's the only way to obtain mercy, is to follow the instructions that God has given us to follow in (*Rom. 12:9-16; Matt. 5:17-49; Matt. 6+7:1-12*). **That's the only way He can show mercy, is when we follow what He said do.** [15]

James 1:25, "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."

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]