

MADE FREE - from the law - 4

“Condemnation and Death”

2 Corinthians 3:4-11 (NKJV)

- Old Covenant = ministry of condemnation and death
- New Covenant = ministry of Spirit and righteousness

[Purpose of the Law]

1. It was added because of sin. (Gal. 3:19-25)
 - It put a restraint on sin.
 - With it came wrath / curses / punishments. (Deut. 28/Rom. 4:15)
 - Christ redeemed us from the curses. (Gal. 3:13)
2. It strengthens sin. (1 Cor. 15:56)
3. It makes sin known. (Rom. 3:20)
4. Condemned us of our sin.
 - Romans 3:19 ...every mouth stopped and all the world may become guilty before God.

We cannot be saved until we see our need.

Scripture reveals how wicked man is without God.

- A. The Flood
 - Genesis 6:5 “...the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”
- B. Sodom and Gomorrah
 - Genesis 19:5 “...where are the two men that came to you tonight? Bring them out so that we may know them carnally.”
- C. Book of Judges – “The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord.”
 - Judges 2:11 / 3:7,12 / 4:1 / 6:1 / 13:1 (6 Times!)
 - “There was no king and everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
 - Judges 17:6 / 18:1 / 19:1 / 21:25
 - Horrible things happened!

Psalms 36:1-4 (NKJV)

- Jeremiah 17:9-10 “...the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked...”
- Psalm 51:5 – We are all born into sin. (Born sinners)
- Ephesians 2:1-3
 - We were dead in sins and trespasses.
 - Under demonic influence.
 - Children of wrath by nature.
- Mark 10:18 – Jesus was called good Master – “There is none good but God.”
- Romans 3:10-18
 - “There is none righteous, no not one.”
 - “There is none who does good, no not one.”
- Romans 3:23 – All have sinned...
- Proverbs 14:12 - “There is a way that seems right to man, but its end is the way of death.”
- Isaiah 51:1 – “...look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from where you were dug.”

-Isaiah 64:6

- NKJV- "But we are all like an unclean thing; And all our righteousnesses are filthy rags..."

- NLT- "...we are all infected and impure with sin..."

- ASV- "...for we are all become as one that is unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment..."

God has revealed our sin and condemnation. Why? To drive us to Christ. (Gal. 3:24)

Once Christ is received by faith, we are free from condemnation.

Romans 8:1-4 (NKJV)

-Jesus did what I could not do. Keep the law!

-He then paid for what I did do. Break the law!

-Then He was raised from the dead to do what the law could not do;

Make me righteous before God!!