

"Liberty in the spirit versus liberty in the flesh"

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I want to start our study off by mentioning "The Law of Moses Versus The Law of The Spirit" written by Mike Vinson found at <http://www.iswasandwillbe.com/the-law-of-moses-versus-the-spirit/>, that details why and how the law of spirit produces a liberty that is not able to be obtained through the Law of Moses ([Rom 9:31-33](#) , [Rom 11:6-8](#)). There is a liberty that is found in the flesh through obedience to the law, but the true spiritual liberty comes when we are given to be able to bring our entire body into subjection unto Christ [*our heavens* [2Co 10:5](#)] and that can only happen through Christ working in us both to will and to do of our Father's good pleasure ([Php 2:13-16](#)) that empowers us to obey the "but I say unto you" commandments of Christ ([Mat 5:44-45](#)).

[Rom 9:31](#) But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

[Rom 9:32](#) Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

[Rom 9:33](#) As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

[2Co 10:5](#) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

[Rom 11:6](#) And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

[Rom 11:7](#) What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

[Rom 11:8](#) (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

[Php 2:13](#) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

[Php 2:14](#) Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

[Php 2:15](#) That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

[Php 2:16](#) Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

[Mat 5:44](#) But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Mat 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

The law of liberty that God has given us through Christ reveals that His "mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations" of verse five. It is only after the Lord shows us the hardness of our own hearts and removes the scales from our own eyes through His goodness ([Rom 2:4-5](#)) that we can start to see the true spiritual intent of the law of God, the spirit behind the letter, the law of liberty which is Christ's spirit fulfilling the law ([Act 9:18-20](#) , [2Co 3:17](#) , [Mat 5:17-20](#)).

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Rom 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Act 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Act 9:19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

Act 9:20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees*, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. ([Luk 17:21](#))

Paul being strengthened "when he had received meat" was symbolic of the first real spiritual meal this man had received, having only dined on the letter and being blameless in the law ([Php 3:6](#) , [Rom 7:9-13](#)) Paul at this point was now receiving the spiritual energy needed to fulfill these words "straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God".

Php 3:6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

Rom 7:10 And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.

Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.

Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Rom 7:13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it

might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

Paul describes the contrast that he feels in his mind in the most succinct way after he has the mind of Christ and is subject to the law of liberty that is fulfilled in our lives when we bear each other's burdens ([Gal 6:2](#) , [Php 3:8](#)).

[Gal 6:2](#) Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

[Php 3:8](#) Yea **doubtless**, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung [*the burden of the law of Moses*], that I may win Christ,

We are learning to stand and to watch as God's disciples, strengthened by the meat of His word so we can become more and more liberated through the truth that God brings to us through each other ([Joh 8:32](#) , [Eph 3:10](#)). God allows the strong contrast or delusion ([2Th 2:11-12](#)) for those who are enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season ([Heb 11:25](#)), and this season of Christmas should remind us how precious the law of liberty is that God has given us, knowing that we no longer should use that liberty as an occasion to serve our own flesh ([Gal 5:13](#)). God has called us to overcome all licentiousness as we repent and ask Him to "lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees" ([Heb 12:12-15](#)) so that not only do we keep ourselves unspotted from this world, but also witness to all men as He provides opportunity for us to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction ([Col 1:28](#) , [Jas 1:27](#)). Verse 14 of Hebrews 12 tells us that it is through the strengthening of the brethren, the making straight paths for our feet, that we can be healed and "see the Lord" in each other.

[Joh 8:32](#) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

[Eph 3:10](#) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God

[2Th 2:11](#) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

[2Th 2:12](#) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

[Heb 11:25](#) Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

[Gal 5:13](#) For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

[Heb 12:12](#) Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

[Heb 12:13](#) And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

[Heb 12:14](#) Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

[Heb 12:15](#) Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

In this week's study, we are reminded to give thanks unto God for this great liberty that he has given to us through Christ, being able to obey his commandments and come out of her my people ([2Co 6:17](#) , [Rev 18:4](#)), and how that thankfulness is primarily for the mercy that he is showing to us in this age, allowing us to be judged and given a new heart so that we can fulfill the law of liberty and be our brother's keeper in the spirit today ([Rom 11:31-32](#) , [Gen 4:9](#)).

[2Co 6:17](#) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

[Rev 18:4](#) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

[Rom 11:31](#) Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

[Rom 11:32](#) For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

[Gen 4:9](#) And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's keeper?

our first verse:

[Psa 100:1](#) A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Everything talked about in this psalm is connected to verse five which says in the first section "For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting". That is the reason we bring a Psalm of praise and make joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands, every part of the body of Christ that contributes to that praise, and everything that is within me explained so beautifully in ([Psa 103:1-4](#))

[Psa 103:1](#) **A Psalm of David.** Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name.

[Psa 103:2](#) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

[Psa 103:3](#) Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

[Psa 103:4](#) Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

[Psa 100:2](#) Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

We've seen many exemplary examples in the body of Christ throughout history and today of how God's people can through Christ "serve the LORD with gladness" even in the midst of great health trials, and physical ailments that limit our physical ability to be able to do more for others. God remembers our state and knows our frame and tells us to remember the widow's mite and these words of our Lord ([Php 4:11-12](#) , [1Ti 6:6-12](#)). These verses we will look at are the fruit of being blessed to follow Christ as we're led of His spirit into the perfect law of liberty ([Rom 8:14](#) , [Jas 1:25](#))

Php 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

Php 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

1Ti 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1Ti 6:7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.

1Ti 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

1Ti 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

1Ti 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God

Jas 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.

Psa 100:3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

This next verse is a wonderful reminder of God's sovereign hand over His workmanship which we are (**Eph 2:10-11**). We are His sheep, we are in His care, blessed to hear His voice (**Joh 10:27**) and know that He is a loving and faithful Father who is working all things in our heavens according to the counsel of His will (**Eph 1:11-12**). The light and the darkness, the chastening and scourging along with the breaking and binding are what God uses to bring increase to the body of Christ that is learning obedience by the things which we suffer (**Heb 5:8** , **Mat 10:25** , **1Jn 4:17** , **1Co 3:6**)

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them [*under the law of liberty*].

Eph 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision [*not under the law of liberty*] by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Mat 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call them*

of his household?

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

Psa 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

We are called to "enter into his gates with thanksgiving" and "into his courts with praise" and that is what we do when we give thanks for each other's part in the temple of God that makes up Jesus Christ's body ([1Co 12:12](#) , [1Co 3:16](#) , [Col 1:24](#)). We give thanks for the workmanship that is unfolding knowing that these lively stones that Christ's body are likened unto ([1Pe 2:5](#)) are all working together for the good for those who are called according to His purpose that will manifest His love ([Rom 8:28](#)) and desire to save all the world through the means that He has devised ([1Co 15:22](#) , [Eph 5:16-20](#) , [2Sa 14:14](#) , [1Co 15:52](#) , [1Co 15:58](#)).

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

2Sa 14:14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Psa 100:5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

God's goodness is now being shown toward this generation that He is working with ([Mat 24:34](#)), a generation who have no confidence in the flesh ([Php 3:3](#)) and are being bruised so that we do not lean on our own understanding but only on that which God supplies through each joint in Christ's body ([Eph 4:16](#)).

That mercy that God enables us towards one another is the mercy that will ultimately result in everlasting life ([Joh 6:68](#) , [Rev 1:3](#)). It is when we are blessed to receive the words of everlasting life and understand the spiritual law of liberty through those fiery words that we can know that the Lord is receiving us in this age and working a glorious work that proclaims His might and power, as we witness the freedom ([Rev 12:6](#) , [Rev 11:3](#) , [Col 1:24](#) , [Num 14:9](#)) He gives us from the law of sin and death in our members, a law that is magnified through the law for the lawless ([Rom 7:23-24](#) , [Rom 5:20](#) , [Rom 7:7](#) , [1Ti 1:9](#))

[Rev 12:6](#) And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

[Rev 11:3](#) And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

[Col 1:24](#) Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

[Num 14:9](#) Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us: fear them not.

[Rom 7:23](#) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

[Rom 7:24](#) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

[Rom 5:20](#) Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

[Rom 7:7](#) What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

[1Ti 1:9](#) Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,