

# BOOK OF ROMANS MAINLY FOR GENTILES ?



- Paul's choice of Jewish idioms, cultural norms, rabbinical debate, & words of Rom. 7:1 say he is aiming mostly at Jews
- Romans 8:1 is Paul's conclusions based on what he has said up to now
- Paul didn't write in chapters; chapter not added until 11 centuries later



# LOOKING UNDER THE SURFACE OF ROMANS



- Paul used Abraham, father of the Hebrews, as foundational
- Romans 3:1 – 4 *“Does their faithlessness cancel God’s faithfulness?”*
- Faithful to what? To God’s covenants with Israel
- God’s covenants are what make Israel, Israel
- Matt. 15:24 *“ He said, I was ONLY sent to the lost sheep of ...Israel”*
- Matt. 10 Disciples to go ONLY to Israelites

# ROMANS 11 GENTILES GRAFTED IN

## WHAT ARE YOU GRAFTED INTO?



- If Yeshua is Israel's Messiah, then what is the basis for gentiles to be included?
- 1) Trust in Yeshua makes gentiles spiritual seed of Abraham
- 2) Gentiles divinely grafted into Israel's covenants
- In Romans 7 & 8 (especially) Paul is addressing Believers, but on a secondary level he is addressing all Israel

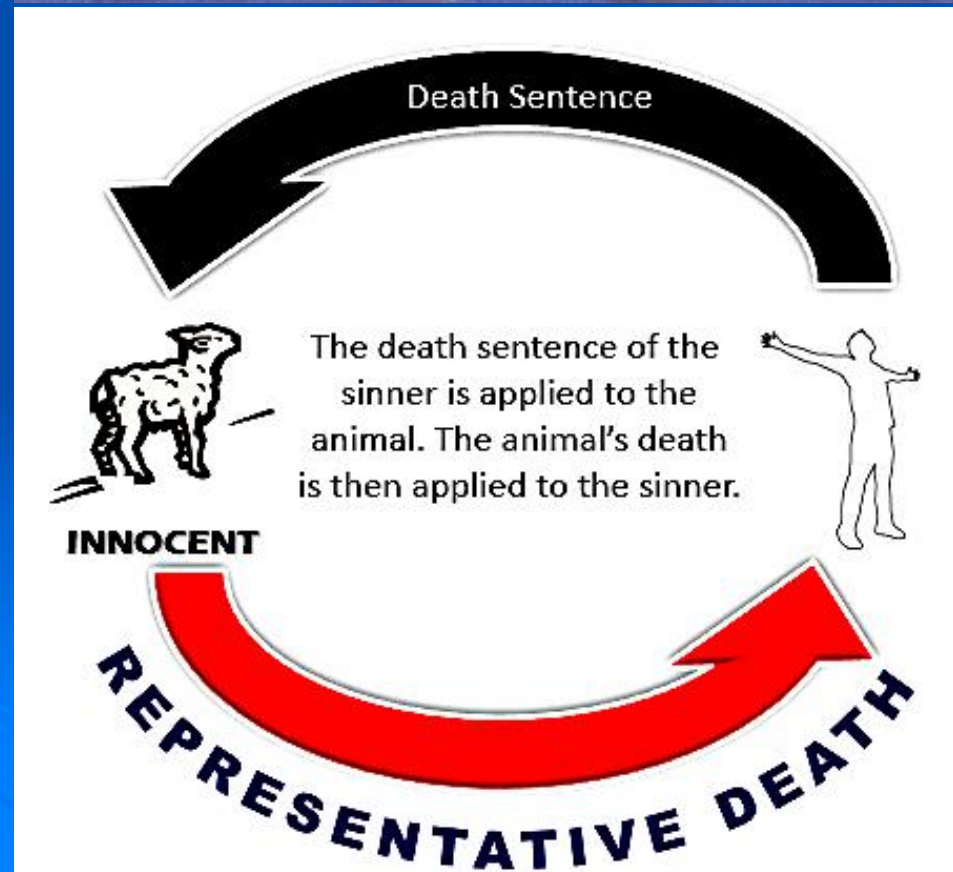
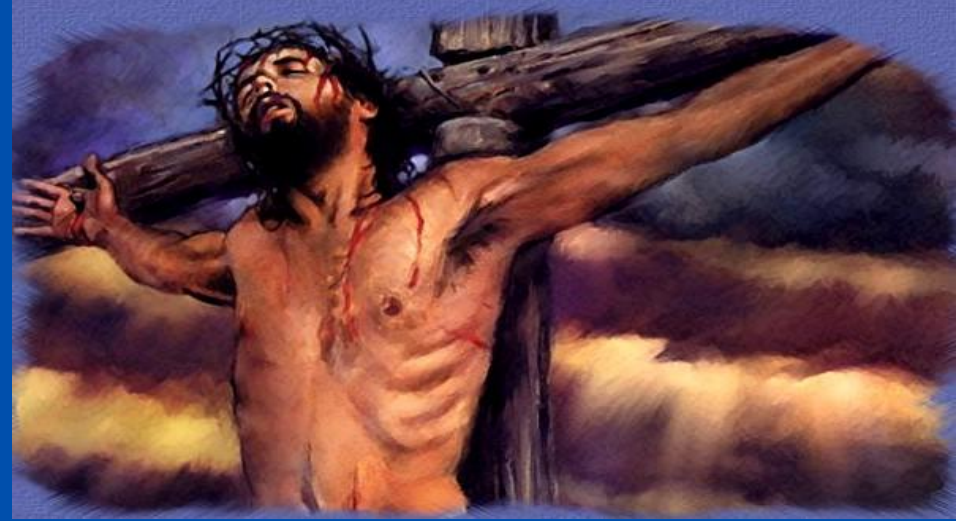
# ROMANS CHAPTER 8

- The word “spirit” is used 21 times in chapter 8
- The word “law” was front and center in chapters 1 – 7
- Indwelling of the Spirit marks a person as having been “righteoused” (justified)
- Vs. 2 “law” of spirit, “law” of sin and death. “Law” more means principle
- Vs. 3 Torah (Law) does not have the “power” to change human nature because it was not designed to do so
- God’s Son Yeshua DID have the “power” to change human nature

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Spirit

- Yeshua had Power of the Spirit, but ALSO had a flawed human nature
- He had to....since the flawed human nature had to be executed on the cross
- Same principle/pattern as the Levitical sacrificial system
- We are not fully, yet, set free from sinning....it is a process
- But we ARE set free from the consequences of sin.. which is eternal death!
- Through the Spirit we now have a means to fight against sin and our evil inclination
- 1John 4:4



# OUR PRESENT STATE



- Our spirits have eternal life...and yet our flesh still sins
- Paul's approach to this problem is in Rom. 6:11 "*..consider yourselves dead to sin...*"
- Fake it 'til you feel it
- Do the right thing until your inner self **WANTS** to do right
- Really a matter of "dying to self"
- Perseverance **MUST** be part of our lives!



# IT'S A PROCESS

- Not a self-help program!
- The Law has revealed our sin; the Spirit gives us the Power to fight against it 1Cor. 15:16 – 19
- Paul is right: if our eternal future is no better than this current life, then we ARE to be pitied
- Holy Spirit is given to guide, instruct, comfort, forgive, give us hope and perseverance and mercy
- We CAN live lives full of joy and hope with Christ



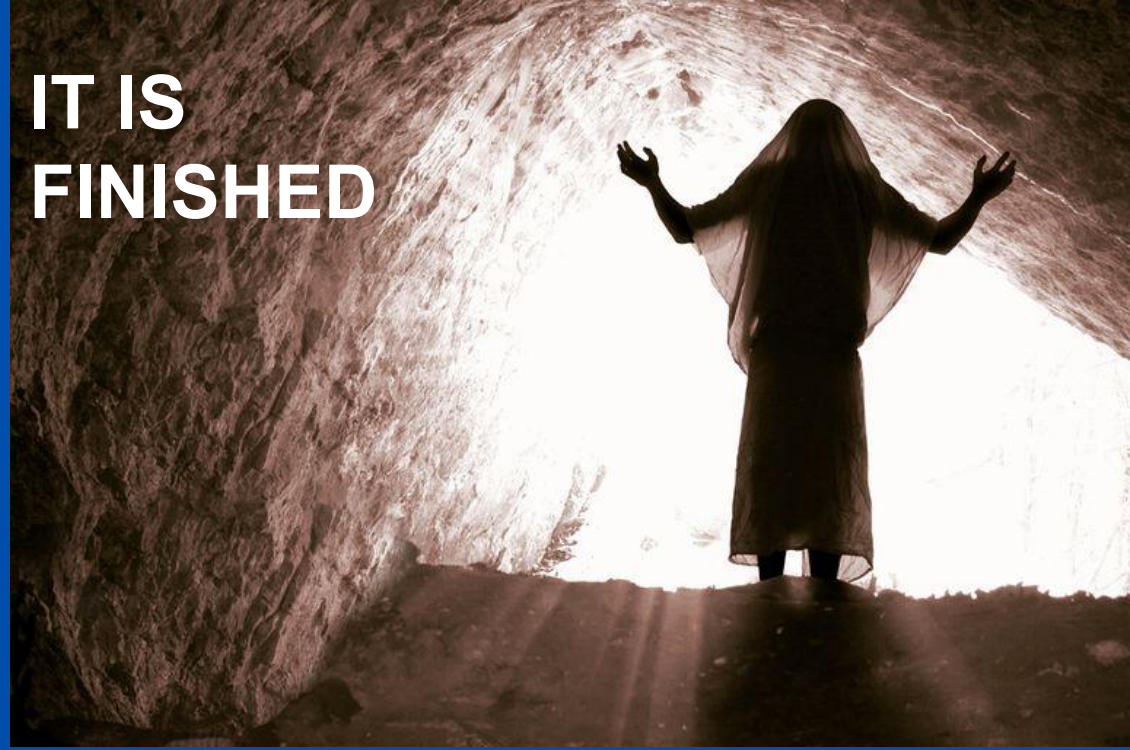
- Paul equates Holy Spirit with Spirit of Messiah and with Spirit of God
- Father (Spirit of God)
- Son (Spirit of Messiah)
- Holy Spirit
- Vs. 9 only for Believers
- **Doctrine:** If we don't have the Holy Spirit, then we don't identify with Messiah
- Sin and death are a fused pair; identity with Christ and indwelling of the Spirit are also a fused pair



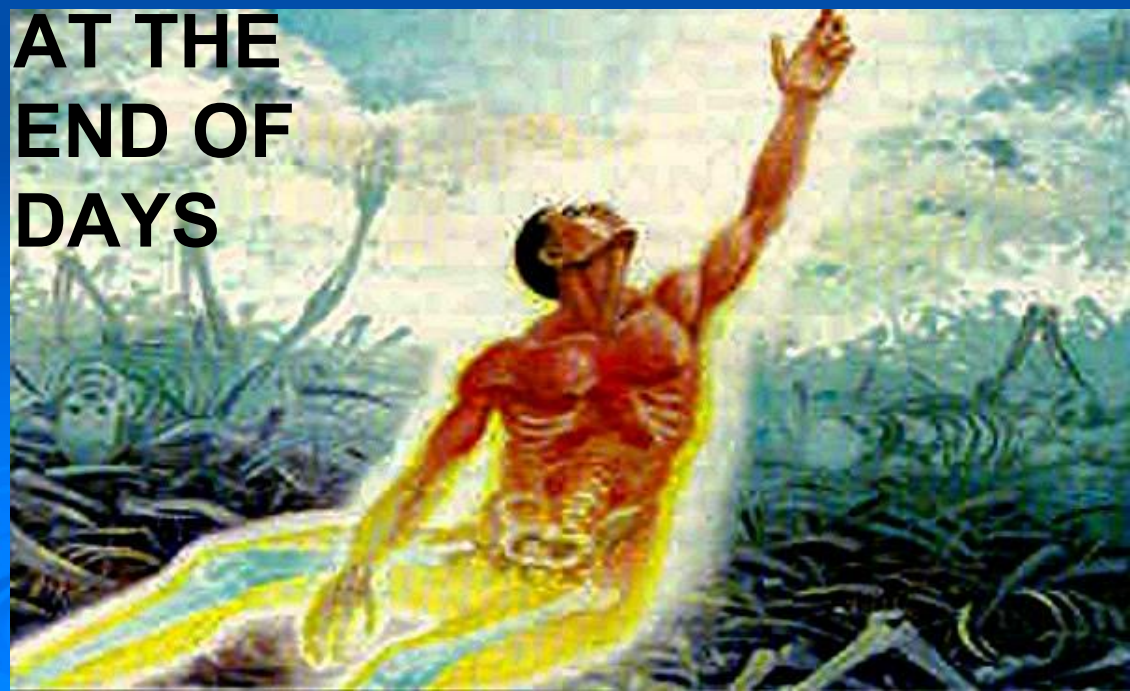


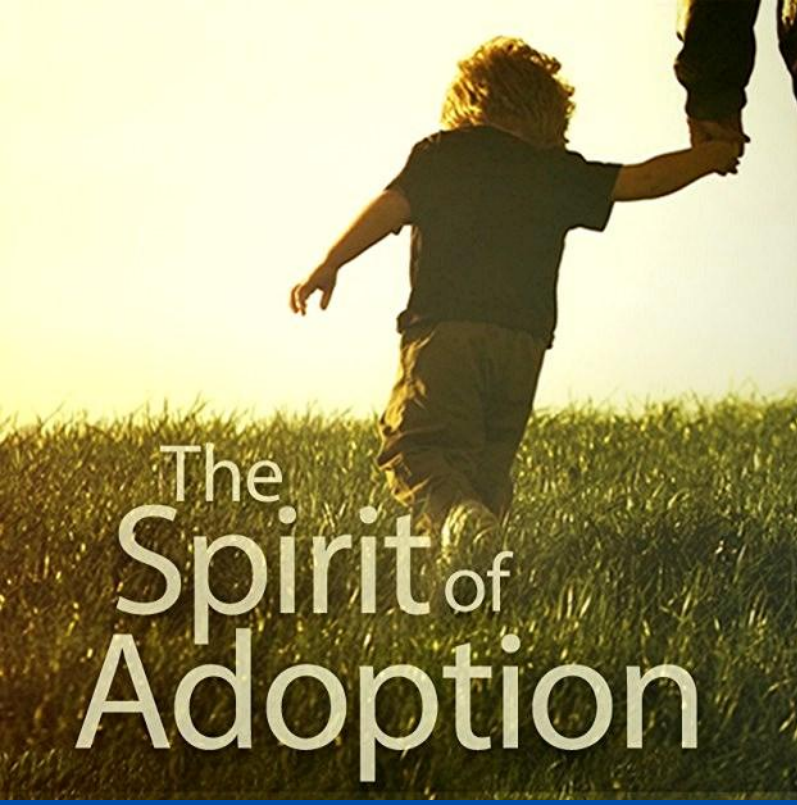
- Same Spirit that rose Yeshua will rise Believers from the grave!
- Vs.12 is a summation
- Speaks of our relationship to our old nature in terms of “debt”
- Vs. 14 Anyone led by God’s Spirit is a Son to Him
- A Son is more valued than a servant
- Servant of God is a high status
- A Son of God is an even higher status !

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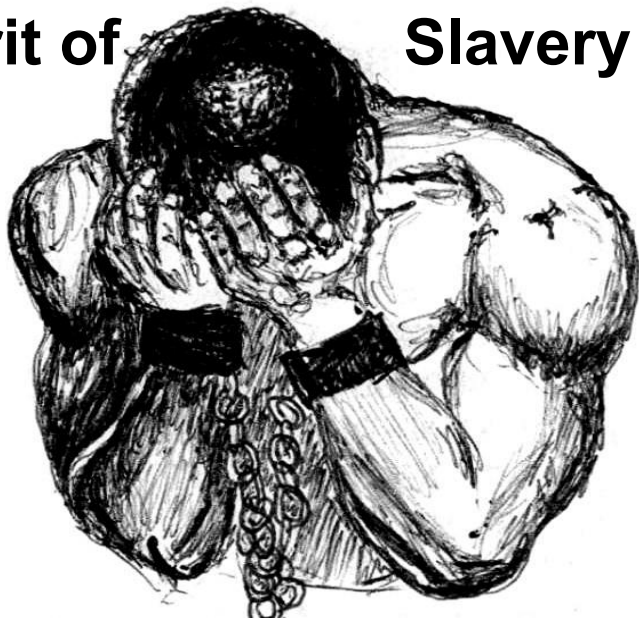
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# The Spirit of Adoption

Spirit of Slavery



- God's Spirit does NOT work by coercion by instilling fear
- Spirit of Slavery can only work by using fear
- God's Spirit works like an adoption; the son responds in love to the father's love
- **Abba** is a term of endearment
- A son inherits from his father; a servant doesn't inherit from his master
- As children of God we are therefore heirs to His kingdom: the Kingdom of God



THE LAW



ABBA  
FATHER

- C.E.B. Cranfield: *“.....the life which is characterized by the Spirit....is a life in which God’s Law is established...a life characterized by hope...”*
- Jeremiah 31:30 – 33
- The death sentence of the Law was ended by Christ...all that remains in the laws themselves
- If we ask: “Why, then, should we obey The Law if we no longer face the death sentence?” Then we have the spirit of a servant and not the spirit of a son
- As sons, our obedience to The Law is like the Spirit of Adoption...it comes from love and gratitude to our loving Father