

THE FREEDOM

BY THE HIGHER LAW IN CHRIST JESUS





EDITORS NOTE

WELCOME TO AUGUST — FREEDOM BY THE HIGHER LAW

Picture it: an aircraft, heavy with steel and cargo, straining against everything gravity says it cannot do — until a higher law takes hold, and it lifts. A ship, dense enough to sink, held afloat instead, riding the water it should by all rights be swallowed by. This is not a trick of nature. It is a greater law overriding a lesser one. And this, beloved, is exactly what happened the day you came into Christ Jesus.

There was a law working against you — a downward pull, as relentless as gravity itself: the law of sin and death. It condemned before you spoke, sentenced before you understood, and held you groundward no matter how hard you tried to rise. But another law entered the scene — not by your effort, not by your merit, but by the deed of one Man on the cross. And it did not only help you rise. It set you free.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." — **Romans 8:1-2.**

This August, we call this theme **"Freedom by the Higher Law" — "Ensuring Freedom by the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus Stead."** It is not a slogan for the month. It is the very physics of your redemption. A law you did not write has overruled a law that once wrote your sentence — and standing beneath it, in Christ, you are free to rise.

"It was for this freedom that Christ set us free [completely liberating us]; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [which you once removed]." — **Galatians 5:1 (Amplified).**

There was a curse, too — spoken over a garden, over a man, over a woman, over a serpent — a debt written in a book of law that none of us could pay in full. And there was a cross, where that very curse was hung, absorbed, and exhausted, so that a blessing — not earned, not conditional, but freely given — might reach us instead.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

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that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." — Galatians 3:13-14.

Welcome, then, to August — the eighth month, in a year still unfolding in the grace of God. There is something fitting in this number: after six days of forming, and a seventh of rest, it was on the eighth day that man rose to walk the earth in dominion — free to govern, free to build, free to become all He had spoken. So too, beloved, this is your eighth-day moment. Whatever has held you beneath its weight — fear, shame, the low hum of condemnation you thought you'd never outrun — a higher law has already been declared over you. You need only stand beneath it, and rise.

It is my earnest, heartfelt prayer that as you receive this edition, every circumstance that once stood over you would now come under your feet — and that you would walk this month not just hoping for freedom, but living inside it, as your everyday, unremarkable, unshakeable default, in the grace, in Christ Jesus stead. Amen.

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THE HIGHER LAW AND FREEDOM

The word freedom is a noun, and it speaks of:

- The condition of being free
- The power to act, speak, or think without externally imposed restraints
- Immunity from an obligation or duty that would legislate against that freedom

The word law is a noun, and means:

- The collection of rules imposed by authority
- A legal document setting forth rules governing a particular kind of activity
- A rule, or body of rules, of conduct inherent in human nature and essential to, or binding upon, human society
- A generalisation that describes recurring facts or events in nature

The word higher law is a noun, and it means:

- A principle that takes precedence over the normal or ordinary laws of society
- Greater than normal in degree, intensity, or amount

It is time to start ensuring your "Freedom by the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus Stead," as this August is entitled: "Freedom by the Higher Law" in Christ Jesus Stead. August is the eighth month of the twelve months in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, and by the grace of God, this month's theme carries a particular leverage of freedom to offer us all, in such a time as this.

The number eight is significant, because it sheds light on man and creation by the Creator Himself — on how He has positioned man within His creative work, in His grace.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." — **Revelation 4:11.**

"...What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas..." — **Psalms 8:4-9.**

"Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts." — **Isaiah 45:11-13.**

God created the structure and system over six days, rested on the seventh, and on the eighth day, man began to exercise the freedom to live and govern the earth, as empowered and entrusted by God — while God, being of the highest, rested on the seventh day once the creation work was completed. Man was not entrusted and empowered to manage the earth until after the structures and systems — the principles of operation — were set in motion, so that the design and purpose would be assured. Man was created to be in charge, ensuring the principles that hold the structure in place are managed as given, for man's today and tomorrow (Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 2:1-7).

So man was empowered and entrusted to manage this process by the higher law — the law that sets one up in grace, and makes one live indeed in freedom. Although the Adamic man committed treason, and the wife, Eve, was deceived, as Scripture records — by reason of our redemption in Christ Jesus, the enacting of the higher law, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, our entrusted and empowered position of grace to take charge and control was not only restored, but secured against any further loss, with the eternal redemption seal of freedom, in the grace.

"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." — 1 Timothy 2:14.

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator." — Hebrews 9:11-16.

Concerning this, our redemption freedom, I want you to note this analogy: it is true that by the law of gravity, there is a downward pulling force, such that when an object is thrown up, it falls by gravitational pull. It is equally true that by the law of upthrust, aircrafts overcome gravitational pull, and ships float and experience buoyancy in water, gaining upthrust to move about safely. In the same way, it is high time to live free — to enjoy the true freedom that is in Christ Jesus' stead, by the higher law that overrides the natural laws of limitation, setback, and failure. This onward and upward trajectory is available irrespective of your history of limitation, setback, and failure. Once you are in Christ Jesus, a new day and a new dawn, on the path of doing life and living godly, comes to God's glory and praise, in the grace. Amen.

"It was for this freedom that Christ set us free [completely liberating us]; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [which you once removed]." — Galatians 5:1 (AMP).

"But the path of the just [righteous] is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until [it reaches its full strength and glory in] the perfect [complete, whole, fulness, mature] day." — Proverbs 4:18 (Amplified).

When you know you are in Christ Jesus, a much higher law is operative in you. This higher law is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus that dwells within you, giving you the freedom for an onward and upward trajectory, gaining leverage over the law of sin and death — which includes all forms of bondage, fear, condemnation, and more (Romans 8:1-2).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death." — Romans 8:1-2.

In Christ Jesus, "no condemnation" means no condemnation. God is bound by His Word. No condemnation means freedom from self-condemnation, from the condemnation of demonic power and its cohorts, from the condemnation resulting from religion and religiosity, traditional dogmas, self-righteousness, denominational indoctrination, religious finger-pointing, and more of such like.

"...When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." — John 8:10-11.

So, in the context and concept of this August 2026 theme, freedom by the higher law indicates the overriding of the laws and effects that once held us in bondage and captivity, by the now higher law that gives freedom. The law of the Spirit of life is a biblical principle, found in the New Testament book of Romans, referring to the operating and operative power of the Holy Spirit — the life-giving personality and freedom in Christ Jesus. In the scriptural context of Romans 8:2, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set the believer of God in Christ Jesus free from the law of sin and death; and the believer is to function by this spiritual "higher law," the governing law that, much like gravity, always works and supersedes lower forces. This stands in contrast to the old system of the written code and human weakness, which ends in condemnation and death. For it is written, concerning the new creation, in the grace:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." — 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NKJV).

"But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God." — Galatians 6:14-16 (NKJV).

The law of the Spirit of life-giving is about the Holy Spirit at work in us — quickening and making alive our mortal being, so that it responds to our spirit being. The Holy Spirit is the active agent of God who brings spiritual vitality and regeneration to a person, inseparable from the person, work, death, and resurrection of Christ — by complete liberation, in the grace — removing the guilt and power of sin, and moving a person from spiritual death to eternal life. In Romans 8:2, Paul draws a sharp contrast between the law of the Spirit of life and the law of sin and death: "For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." Both laws are mentioned in the previous chapter, indicating why we need the higher law: "We have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code" (Romans 7:6). God has taken action to free those who place their faith in Christ. We are no longer under the condemnation of the law (Romans 8:1); rather, we follow the law of the Spirit of life, in the grace, in Christ Jesus stead.

It is worth reading Romans 6 and 7 to understand the essence of the redemptive freedom of Romans 8, noting the struggle of the flesh that the Apostle Paul experienced and expressed in Romans 7:21: "I find then a law [of sin and death], that, when I would do good, evil is present with me" (emphasis mine).

The word "law" in the scriptural context of Romans 7:21 is to be differentiated throughout the book of Romans in these regards:

1. The law of Moses, which condemns — Romans 3:19
2. The law as a principle — Romans 3:21
3. The law of faith, which excludes self-righteousness — Romans 3:27
4. The law of sin in the members, which is victorious over the law of the mind — Romans 7:21, 23, 25
5. The law of the mind, which consents to the law of Moses but cannot fulfil it because of the law of sin in the members — Romans 7:16, 23
6. The law of the Spirit, having power to deliver the believer from the law of sin in his members, and his conscience from condemnation by the Mosaic law — moreover, the Spirit works in the yielded Christian the very righteousness which Moses' law requires — Romans 8:2, 4

The law of sin and death, otherwise, refers to the Mosaic Law. The law revealed God's standard, our shortcomings, the consequences of falling short, and even our innate proclivity to reject God and defy His standard. Romans 7:10-11 speaks of how sin, death, and the law are connected: "The commandment [the law] that was meant for life resulted in death for me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me."

In contrast to the law of sin and death, the law of the Spirit of life brings about a reversal of the wages of sin (Romans 6:23). The NIV renders this new law in Romans 8:2 as "the law of the Spirit who gives life." The Good News Translation has "the law of the Spirit, which brings us life in union with Christ Jesus." Just as sin, in rebellion to the law of God, leads to death, the Spirit gives life in conformity to the will of God. Much as God breathed life into Adam, He infuses new life into the regenerated soul (Genesis 2:7; Titus 3:5-6). This is tied to God's grace, as revealed in the Gospel. The Spirit is the one who gives life, and He does so through Jesus Christ (John 3:5-8). With new life comes freedom from the old law — a law we could not keep, and which only led to sin and death. We are now under a new law that brings life. Such is the power of the Gospel to save (Romans 1:16).

There are several things worth noting about "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus," as written in Romans 8:2:

- It is a law — a rule that governs us, holding influence over every part of our lives.

- The law is of the Spirit — the Holy Spirit is the one who prompts us to believe the Gospel, bringing His law to bear in our hearts. We are now under the authority of a new Lord and Master, yielding to the Spirit so that we "will not carry out the desire of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).
- The Spirit brings life — the divine law imposed by the Spirit imparts an everlasting spiritual vitality. Jesus likened this to "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). We have truly been "made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1).
- The law of the Spirit of life is liberating — the Gospel sets us free from the Mosaic Law. The rules, rituals, and regulations of the law could never justify us (Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16). The law of the Spirit of life does what the Mosaic law could not do.
- The law of the Spirit of life is liberating in Christ Jesus — the Gospel is inseparable from the person and work of Jesus. He laid down His life for ours, and "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). The person who has faith in Christ is, through the agency of the indwelling Holy Spirit, made a member of Christ. Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches; He is the head, and we are the body. The Son of God has "life in himself" (John 5:26), and since we are in the Son, we too are given life.

Another simple outline of Romans 8:1-4, concerning our being born of God in Christ Jesus and our relationship to the law of sin and death through the higher law, shows that by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, the law of sin and death is subdued (cf. Philippians 3:17-21), in these ways:

- The law cannot claim you — Romans 8:2
- The law cannot condemn you — Romans 8:3
- The law cannot control you — Romans 8:4

We know that God does not punish or condemn us for our sins, because Jesus already took it up for us on the cross, and in exchange, He gave us His righteousness, in the grace (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:17-21). However, the devil, through people and thoughts, makes us doubt God's forgiveness and justification, in the grace. This passage speaks of triumph. It sheds light on two laws — one of the Spirit, and one of sin and death.

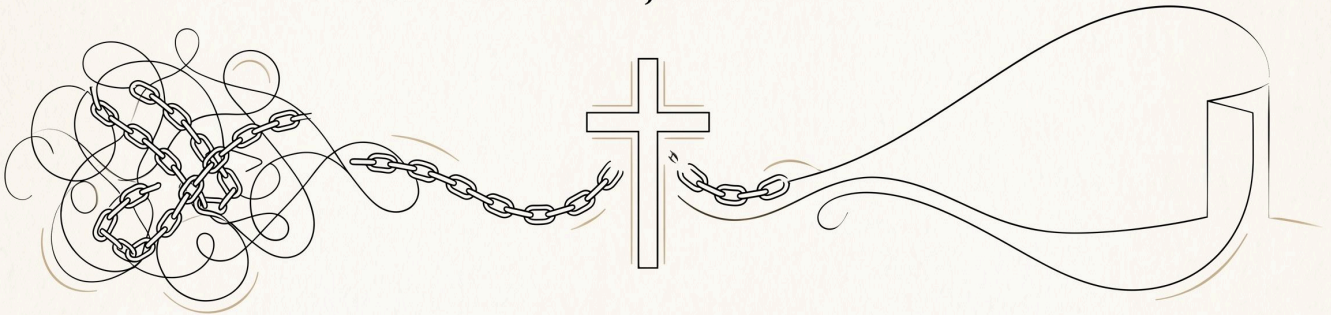
A law is something that happens over and over, everywhere. Some are enforced to make it happen universally — our family, community, state, and national laws create normalcy through obedience. Natural laws, on the other hand, happen organically, without our action — the law of gravity, as explained earlier, is one such law. If we violate state laws, there is punishment. The law of sin brings out automatic reactions in us — anger, jealousy, sentiment, prejudice, dissimulation, wrath, murder, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, drunkenness, revelling, and more, as in the works of the flesh, since the Mosaic law is of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21). The wages of sin is death, so this law of sin ultimately leads to death. The sinful flesh is weak, resulting in the death that is the law of death.

"For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." — Romans 8:3-4.

The law of the Spirit of life carries Spirit, life, and power, which supersede and hold more power than the law of sin and death. If we have the Spirit of God within us, it is the spirit of life — it will grow, it has power, and it will break the hold of sin and death upon us, setting us free. The devil, sin, and death can no longer defeat us. The Spirit of life has given us complete freedom, through the power of Jesus' resurrection, received when we are born again. The law of the Spirit of life has broken and dismantled the law of sin and death. There are two ways by which we can be freed from a particular law:

- Firstly, if we die to it
- Secondly, if another law supersedes it, having greater (higher) power than the first

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"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity [of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear], but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of a calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control." — 2 Timothy 1:6-7 (Amplified, Classic Edition).

There is a need to ensure your daily freedom from, and over, the spirit of fear and fear phobias resulting from the law of sin and death. In today's world, for your today and your tomorrow, this is food for thought toward your daily freedom over fear and phobia: the higher law ensures you, as you build and keep building faith against the spirit of fear — and to build faith is to hear and feed on the Word, the sayings of God. It is time to hear and feed on the Word, in order to build the steadfast faith that will enable you to resist and contend with, and put to flight, the enemy and his cohorts in their acts of evil and wickedness through fear — and to gain the needed leverage to triumph over the effect of fear, by faith in the Word.

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." — Romans 10:8-10, 17.

Therefore, give yourself to a healthy hearing and feeding on the Word, until that contextual word takes hold of you, giving you the synergy to be rid of the fear and phobia that have held you in bondage.

Every day should be your freedom day, in the grace, for God made the day that you might rejoice, be glad, and be free from every evil and wickedness, in such a time as this, in our world (**Psalm 118:25; Galatians 1:3-5; Isaiah 54:17; Luke 10:17-20; Luke 1:68-75**).

When you set your heart — your human spirit-being — to love the Word of God, and to feed your spirit-being healthily accordingly, you are, by such, building up the word of faith to overcome the world's fear bondages. When you are knowingly feeding your spirit-being on the Word, the sayings of God, and are not feeding on trash or garbage, you are activating the perfect love that casts out fear. For it is perfect love that casts out the spirit of fear, love being a consequence of the Word of God, in the grace. And faith works by love (**1 John 5:3-5; 1 John 4:17-18; Galatians 5:6; John 8:31-32; Proverbs 4:20-23**).

Therefore, be emboldened by feeding on God's Word, so that the word of faith, working through love, gives you the enabling stand in grace, to access your salvation in Christ Jesus. And as you act on what you believe about God's Word in context, confessing to that same word of faith generated through feeding on the Word, you become what the Word says you can be in God, in Christ Jesus stead. Amen (**Romans 10:8-10, 17; Galatians 5:6; Romans 5:1-2; Proverbs 18:20-21; Hebrews 10:23; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 11:20-24**).

God has not only delivered us from the power and grip of darkness by the deed done in and by Christ Jesus, but He has also translated us into the kingdom and dominion of His dear Son, Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Moreover, it is God's continuing will to deliver us from the evil of this present evil world and its associates, by His done deed — He gave His Son Jesus for us all, while Jesus gave Himself for our sins, for our wholesome redemption.

Today, I challenge you to rest your faith upon God's promised Word — on what Christ has done in us, for us, and is doing with us — that you might enjoy His fulness of grace.

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." — **Colossians 1:12-14**.

"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father." — **Galatians 1:3-4**



FREEDOM BY THE HIGHER LAW GIVES VICTORY OVER THE SLAVERY OF HYPOCRISY, DOGMAS, PREJUDICE, SENTIMENTS, BIGOTRY, AND MORE

"It was for this freedom that Christ set us free [completely liberating us]; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [which you once removed]." — Galatians 5:1 (Amplified).

Jesus Christ is our ultimate hallmark of freedom — freedom without hypocrisy, dogma, prejudice, sentiment, bigotry, and more. This higher law is the default of every believing, born child of God in Christ Jesus, and it is only through connection with Christ Jesus that we can live sound in reason and human relation, unshaped by the elements of this world that pollute the hearts and minds of people through race, gender, tongue, colour, status, and such like (Revelation 1:5-6; Revelation 5:9-10; Romans 12:9-10, Amplified; Galatians 3:26-29; 1 Peter 2:9-10).

You need not look far to see, through the mirror of life, that the entire world is interconnected — built up of many communities of like-minded people, various unions and associations, coming together for a common cause and purpose, each in the course of creating, promoting, and enhancing a kind of freedom to meet a particular interest. Yet what divides us are the very

You need not look far to see, through the mirror of life, that the entire world is interconnected — built up of many comthings the world has celebrated, in the grace, to showcase the many-sided nature of God through His many-sided wisdom in human creation.

The irony of life is that none of these various acts of coming together — at international, national, community, workplace, street, or family level — has given anyone the genuine freedom so desired and expected to be experienced in its fulness.

Knowingly and unknowingly, in most cases, what is considered freedom at one time becomes the foundation for another, unidentified and unaccounted-for bondage — and the entanglement is enormous in various ways. Changes made over time, to suit or solve one problem, have often created another in their place.

It is therefore imperative to know that allegiance to man-made statues and architectural images, believed, revered, adored, and adopted in some places in the name of serving as symbols or landmarks, are, in fact, classed in scriptural terms as idols — especially when you examine the reason for such high-place statues and symbolic images in our high streets, city centres, and other designated high places. Most often, they depict, in essence, enslavement, bondage, insult, and segregation — because what they once signified in a particular dispensation is no longer welcome or honourable to another generation. That is why the only true freedom is that which is of God in Christ Jesus, living in our hearts beyond dispensation, generation, and every wall.

"...Little children (believers, dear ones), guard yourselves from idols — [false teachings, moral compromises, and anything that would take God's place in your heart]." — 1 John 5:18-21 (Amplified).

It was for this reason, and more, that the Apostle Paul shared scriptural truth in Acts 17:15-34, in his response to the Athenians' superstitious devotion to graven-image altars, which they ascribed to their "unknown God" — a community sold out to statues, the modernised idols of today. Thanks be to God in His awesomeness, He used the Apostle Paul to eventually bring the Athenians to see the essence of knowing the true God from their superstitious bondage, making them know and understand that it is in God they are made to live, move, and have their true being — offering them the true freedom they earnestly craved, and not the statue depicted in their city centre as a landmark of greatness for admiration and devotion.

"...Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was greatly angered when he saw that the city was full of idols. So he had discussions in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place day after day with any who happened to be there... So Paul, standing in the center of the Areopagus, said: 'Men of Athens, I observe [with every turn I make throughout the city] that you are very religious and devout in all respects. Now as I was going along and carefully looking at your objects of worship, I came to an altar with this inscription: "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD." Therefore what you already worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you...' — Acts 17:15-34 (Amplified).

Be it known today, as a reminder, that our Saviour and Lord Christ Jesus has made true freedom possible for all, and has offered it to all without prejudice, sentiment, dogma, or hypocrisy. I therefore, as God's servant, beckon, beg, and urge you, in the same apostolic spirit, to resolve to connect to Christ Jesus today, in order to enjoy the freedom that is genuine, without controversy or diabolical sentiment (1 Timothy 3:16) — instead of the dumb idols depicted in statues and symbols for meaningless causes that only serve to offend another. Hence, I say to you:

Jesus Christ is the ultimate hallmark of freedom — the freedom without hypocrisy, dogma, prejudice, sentiment, bigotry, and such like. Get connected to Him, and live free in His grace, to stand tall in His power and might, in God. Amen.



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THE HIGHER LAW: EMANCIPATION THROUGH THE REDEMPTION ACT AND PROCESSES FOR FREEDOM — FROM CURSE TO BLESSEDNESS IN THE GRACE

There is a notion of curses and generational curses that has hovered around for too long, keeping many believers of God in Christ Jesus still in bondage, as prey and victims of erroneous teaching. For too long, many are not adhering to Christ Jesus, but are instead held bound by religion or denominational indoctrination, traditional creed, dogma, and sectarianism — held captive by their own choices or ignorance, having fallen for a perversion of the Gospel, "another gospel," as the Apostle Paul warned the Galatian church, while others have fallen into the hands of ministers of self-centred interest. These falsehoods need to be pragmatically and vehemently withstood, and steadfastly contended against, by the teaching of truth — to stop the unnecessary abuse and error, and to save, awaken, and deliver the deceived from erroneous teaching, as the Apostle Paul, and Jude, enjoined in the grace of the higher law. For I know that when truth is taught, there will be freedom and emancipation by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, in the grace, by the Gospel, as it is written (Galatians 1:6-9; Philippians 1:15-18; Jude 1:3-4; John 8:30-32; Jeremiah 3:15; Matthew 22:29).

I want to say again how thankful and grateful I am to God for all the mentors, teachers, books, and messages, stored across various electronic devices, that God has brought my way over the years, to sharpen and shape my life in Christ with the truth to live by the higher law — the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Above all, the most credible source has been coming to know the Bible for myself — that Christ has redeemed me from the curses over my life, unto His eternal purpose and blessedness, both for now and for the life to come, in the grace. This revelation has completely changed my life to this day. When I came to know that Christ had redeemed me — not only from the curse of the law, but from the curse of the fall — my transformation of faith in Him was completely translated and revolutionised, and my relational connectivity was synchronised in grace with God by the Holy Spirit.

It is upon this knowledge that I am publishing this truth of the Gospel for your perusal, through the avenues of the Cefmorsi Workspace Team.

Galatians 3:13-14 — "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Colossians 1:12-14 — "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Ephesians 1:7 — "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself."

Genesis 3:13-19 — "...And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

I know that many people know of their redemption from the curse of the law, but when it comes to the curse of the fall, they cannot fathom it. Hence, I have included it in this edition — to make us know that by the higher law, in the grace, in Christ Jesus, which is of the Spirit of life, we have been given redemptive freedom as our default in Christ Jesus stead. For the purpose of knowing and understanding, here are the matters for our digest, in the grace:

1. The Curse of the Fall (Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 5:1-21)

This is when Adam, Eve, and the serpent broke the order of God. All three were cursed by God as a result of their action, which eventually spread upon humanity to this day. To each was apportioned:

a. To Adam

Genesis 3:17-19 — "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return... Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

Ever since God spoke to Adam and cursed the ground for his treason of disobedience to the divine instruction, all generations of mankind have gone through pain to make a living (1 Timothy 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:45). Adam, as a person, was not cursed — the ground, the economic powerhouse, was cursed. And you can see the reason for this even now, in the state of the global economic atmosphere. In today's world, we call it "working for your bills, and the tax man." But be it known to you that, with what Christ has done for you in redemption, there are today many opportunities for making a living and being stress-free, by the higher law, in the grace. Working while complaining and murmuring should not be the default for a believer.

Stop for a moment: when did you last take stock of the job that gives you pain and robs you of your peace in Christ? Or the job you believe only you can do — such that you give in to every manner of stress, in the name of diligence, without a holiday or time off, even at weekends? That is not of God. There is wisdom from God that enables you to do your work and live free from stress, worry, and every manner of anxiety that has held you bound. Ask God, and He will give you that wisdom — it is embedded in the higher law, by the Holy Spirit of life, for living in the grace (James 1:5).

Jesus, in Mark 6:30-31, had to stop the disciples from their work, calling them to a holiday, or time off, in a place with no work, to have rest. This is wisdom from above.

They went with Jesus and had leisure and rest, before they could cut their lifespans short, as many before them had, all in the name of hard working rather than smart working. I therefore urge you to set aside human wisdom and learn instead from the redemption of Jesus, for a restful, refreshing life by the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of life, and the higher law over the law of sin and death (Isaiah 28:9-12; Romans 8:2-11).

b. To Eve

Genesis 3:16 — "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

"For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety [self-control and discretion]." — 1 Timothy 2:13-15 (emphasis mine).

Many years ago, as I was studying the Scriptures, and seeking to help my family — my wife and I — actualise the word of God in 1 Timothy 2:13-15, in redemption over the scriptural account of the fall in Genesis 3:16, it became a personal encounter, one I was then able to speak of with confidence, in the "Pastoral Faith-Surgery Counselling" I was conducting for pregnant women. When I told my wife that it was possible to deliver safely, without undergoing the pain most commonly attributed to childbirth as per Genesis 3:16, when read alongside 1 Timothy 2:13-15, it became another story altogether. I took her through the scriptural process of her redemption, and the act of Christ within it — and the rest is history, in what God did for our last two children. The midwives, on two occasions, were startled that someone could arrive at the hospital relaxed, and before they could finish the necessary logistical protocol and bed arrangements, the babies were already on their way. God preserved me at one point — I might have become an emergency midwife in the car, on the occasion when baby Joel was not ready to wait; I thank God I prayed my way there. His routine checks and paperwork were completed only after he was born, still within the sac, which was broken afterward for his usual first cry

On another occasion, going early to the hospital for baby Zachary's necessary paperwork proved even more surprising to the midwife than we expected — she believed we had arrived too early, perhaps for a false labour, seeing no proper sign — only to return and find the baby already on his way, without difficulty of any sort. May God be praised for all He has done in our lives, in regard to these testimonies. Amen.

I share all this because I found, within the redemption package, that Sarah, wife of Abraham, by her faith, received strength to conceive and to deliver (Hebrews 11:6), just as the Hebrew women of Exodus 1:15-22 did.

Beyond this, I found in the redemption act of 1 Timothy 2:13-15 that a woman can be saved and kept safe in childbearing, as she aligns her life with the scriptural truth embedded in that verse. You can see a further redemption promise regarding childbirth, in conception and delivery, in Luke 1:45 and Exodus 23:25-26, in the grace, in Christ Jesus stead.

This is not merely my own notion or personal testimony — I have witnessed countless experiences among pregnant women who attend my ministerial "Pastoral Faith-Surgery Counselling." These pregnant and expectant mothers testify as they take hold of the Scriptures shared with them. For the just shall live by his faith, because they believed, and acted accordingly (Habakkuk 2:4; cf. Hebrews 10:38; Galatians 3:11; 1 John 5:4-5; Romans 1:16-17).

c. To the Serpent

Genesis 3:14-15 — "And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

I shared, in last month's episode, how, by exercising my redemption right and authority, I overcame a conman using charms, spells, and hypnotic ability to rob people of their joy and finances. Jesus has given us authority over the devil and demons; it is our responsibility to enact and enforce it, in every circumstance we find ourselves — otherwise, the devil will take advantage of us in determining our daily life, in spite of our redemption (Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:16-20; Luke 10:19).

We can see, from the whole context of this edition, that Christ has already nailed and judged Satan on the cross. We need not fight this battle with the devil through confrontation or contention — rather, you are to take your place, and determine for the devil and his cohorts where they should be. You are too good and too glorious to allow a defeated fool called Satan, or his cohort agents, to determine your destiny.

2. The Curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13-14; Colossians 1:13-14; Deuteronomy 28:1-68, kindly read it)

What Jesus did on the cross, by way of crucifixion, granted us freedom from the curse of the law. It was a divinely arranged and ordered plan, unknown even to Satan and his cohort agents, of what the eternal purpose of God's infinite wisdom was truly about, as it is written: "Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:6-8).

A genuine study of the scriptural book of Deuteronomy 28 will show the blessings and the curses. The curses, from verses 14 to 68, can be summed up in three words: poverty, sickness, and spiritual death. The announcement of Jesus' ministry in Luke 4:16-20, on that customary day in the Nazareth synagogue, brings us to the conclusion that the essence of His death on the cross was to end our poverty, sickness, and spiritual impoverishment.

The blessing, or "blessedness," of God in Christ Jesus, as seen in Deuteronomy 28:1-14, was based on condition — read verses 1-2, 9, and 13, and you will see the "if" condition to the blessing. In redemption, by the higher law, the "if" condition has been removed — for the new creation is blessed on the basis of what Christ has done, in the grace, and does not depend on any conditionality of doing, or on self-righteous sacrifice, to earn it. It is a done deed of God in Christ, for all, in the grace, in redemption. And the concept "the blessing" indicates that the blessing of God is not a thing — car, house, property, land, business, career, educational qualification, riches, or wealth — but rather, it is the enabling of God upon His children, which allows them to see physical things actualised effortlessly, without sweat and without pain (Proverbs 10:22; Ephesians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:2-4).

Therefore, we can deduce that, unlike the Old Testament creation blessing, the New Testament creation blessedness is not based on condition. The new creation in Christ Jesus is blessed irrespective — the blessedness is there, knowingly or unknowingly, for all — and it is without condition, because the blessing is of Christ. It is, therefore, first spiritual, before it becomes physically manifested, in the grace; stored in the heavenly places, where no rot, rust, or decay exists, and where no thief, robber, or enemy can access it to pervert, distort, or obliterate it for any reason — hence, it is heavenly secured, in the grace (Ephesians 1:3, 20; Ephesians 2:6; Matthew 6:19-21). This is possible through the operation of the higher law, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which helps bring it into our reality and tangibility, in the grace, for the new creation (Romans 8:2, 26-27). What a freedom, to access it in the grace, for glory and virtue (Romans 5:1-2).

Jesus' redemptive act on the cross was to end this impoverishment — hence His final word: "It is finished" (John 19:30). Poverty is relative. I have seen men in ivory towers and penthouses who are poverty-stricken spiritually, just as some are physically stricken with poverty of nourishment. The same applies to our health, and to every other area of life.

As relative as it seems, all of these have been dealt with on the cross. It is not a kingdom act of redemption, nor a kingdom sign of spirituality or righteousness, to live and die in poverty — like Lazarus, who was poor, only to go and stay in Abraham's bosom rather than his own (Luke 16:19-31).

Neither is it spiritual to live in another person's servant's quarters instead of your own main house.

It is time to change your thinking by the higher law of freedom, and to rise up by faith, allowing God to prosper you in the grace, as promised in these and other scriptures — 3 John 2; John 10:10; Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 35:27; Job 36:11.

I promise you, it is easier and better to serve God in prosperity than in poverty or sickness — for these hinder the advancement of the Gospel, kill and destroy human life faster than cancer, and frustrate good-hearted, good-spirited people, in the grace. Besides, poverty humiliates and robs one of good and healthy friendships. Read through the Wisdom of Solomon, where no one makes true intimacy with someone who is poverty-stricken — others may relate in order to help, but rarely keep such a person in their inner circle for genuine friendship. You must therefore keep any sign of indebtedness at bay, and work upward in the grace of God.

The poor, I can boldly say from experience among many, are more prone to falsehood than the rich. Poverty frustrates and ruins good relationships — it can even turn a pastor's anointing into a source of annoyance, and turn members toward blame. I truly dislike poverty, and would not wish it upon any neighbour of mine — meaning, I would ensure that all who live near me are prospered, so that the evil and envy that lead to lying, stealing, and robbery would have no place in my neighbourhood. Listen — you are worse off than poor if you neglect your tithe, or fail to give toward the affairs of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and to the needy around you; if you cannot take care of God's house of worship, to expand the Kingdom's cause, how can you enact the higher law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus stead? (Matthew 23:23; Matthew 22:15-22; 2 Corinthians 8-9).

I am not saying an unbeliever cannot prosper — but within the Kingdom of God's governance, by the higher law, the law of the Spirit of life, the principles must be obeyed, like gravity and upthrust, for the reality to be made manifest. If you cannot pay your small tithe toward God's kingdom cause, it shows how impoverished you truly are — and I say to you: repent, and be born again. Make no close friendship with a Christian who withholds their tithe — if they can rob God's storehouse of redemption, they can rob anybody (Malachi 3:8-12). (Check the special Bible teaching on "Understanding God's Financial Plan for His Children," in the grace.)

Therefore, wake up to prosperity, to health, and to a soul that prospers spiritually and otherwise — for Christ has done the deed for you and all mankind, in the grace. By the higher law, you can actualise your freedom, in the grace, from the grip of Satan and his cohorts, today.



THE HIGHER LAW IS ENSURED AND ASSURED BY THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, TO STOP THE ENEMIES OF OUR FREEDOM

Freedom by the higher law is ensured and assured, in the grace, by the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and nothing else. The Gospel is the only genuine hope for human salvation, in our doing life and godly living, in the grace. It is as we uphold the Gospel that we exercise the free will that releases us from every shackle governing the world around us (Romans 1:16-17, Amplified; Romans 15:20-21; Acts 5:20). We have been commissioned, in the grace, with the charge to boldly declare, preach, believe, and live by the Gospel of Christ — because it is the only genuine hope for salvation, as per these descriptions, but not limited to them:

1. The Power and Nature of the Gospel

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." — Romans 1:16-17.

It is the power of God for salvation — freedom from God's wrath and punishment — and it is available to everyone who believes in Christ as Saviour.

- The Gospel is the power of God. It is not mere words or religion.
- It is unto salvation — deliverance from sin, wrath, and punishment.
- It is for everyone that believeth — Jew and Greek, no exception.
- In the Gospel, the righteousness of God is revealed — from faith to faith, and leading to faith.
- The just shall live by faith. Faith is the lifestyle the Gospel produces.

2. The Mandate to Preach the Gospel

Romans 15:20-21 — "...so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation... To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand."

- The apostolic drive was to take the Gospel to new ground, where Christ had not been named — that those who have not heard shall understand, and those who have not been spoken to shall see.
- Acts 5:20 — "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."
- This is a divine command — we are to go, stand, and speak all the words of this life, nothing withheld, nothing diluted.

3. The Final Charge

- The Gospel of Christ Jesus is God's only place for your salvation, in life and in godly living. Therefore:
- Be not ashamed of it.
- Believe it — for salvation comes by faith.
- Live by it — the just shall live by faith.
- Preach it — go and speak all the words of this life.
- The Gospel is your genuine hope. The Gospel is God's power. The Gospel is life.

Therefore, for the higher law — the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus — to become efficacious in our lives, we must enact our freedom by dealing with the enemies of our redemption freedom, in the grace, in Christ Jesus, by the Gospel. These are, but are not limited to:

- The enemy we know — the devil and his cohorts: 1 Peter 5:8-10; John 10:10; 1 John 3:8; Luke 10:17-20; Mark 16:15-20; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-21
- The enemy we see — the world: 1 John 4:4-6, 9, 14, 17; James 4:4; 1 John 5:19; 1 John 2:15-17
- The enemy we nurse within — the flesh: Romans 8:1-17; Galatians 3:19-23; 1 John 5:15-17; James 3:1-18
- The enemy we do — religion: Galatians 1:6-9; Philippians 1:15-18; Jude 1:3-4; Matthew 15:1-10 (Mark 7:1-13); 2 Thessalonians 3:6-7; Colossians 2:1-23

When we take on the mantle to preach the Gospel, with the higher law in operation in our lives, we can and will subject the enemy of our freedom, in Christ Jesus, in the grace.

FREEDOM BY THE HIGHER LAW IS ENSURED AND ASSURED BY LIVING WITHIN THE MINDSET OF JESUS CHRIST, IN THE GRACE

The natural man's mind is not born again, and as such it cannot know or understand the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, the higher law — but the mind of Christ can be known (1 Corinthians 2:11-14). In the same way, the carnal man's mind cannot understand the spiritual man, who is governed by the higher law, operating by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 3:1-9). Unlike the natural and the carnal, the spiritual man's mind — because it is born of God, in the grace — lives through the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, expressing its thinking and process accordingly. The spiritual person can therefore operate, in the grace, with the mind of Christ, in every earthly circumstance, doing life and living godly, in the grace, in Christ Jesus stead (1 Corinthians 2:15-16), as it is written:

"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." — 1 Corinthians 2:11-16.

In redemption, through what Christ did for us, is doing for us, and is doing through us, in the grace — as per Ephesians 2:1-3 — this has become our reality. We have been made alive in the grace, freed from the dead works of darkness, freed from the trespasses and sins in which we once walked, according to the course of this world, and according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once conducted ourselves, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Living in the mindset of our Saviour and Lord Jesus, as He did in His humanity — declaring that the prince of this world would come, and find nothing in Him — should become our emboldened and spirited path of living, in the grace, as it is written concerning Him: "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). It is in our determined belief to live by the Holy Spirit of grace, in our redemption, with the mind of our Saviour as written in Philippians 2:5-11, that we set our freedom in motion. With the mind of Christ, we will not tolerate or welcome anything contrary to the intent of God for our lives.

Scripture, in 1 Corinthians 2:11-16, reminds us that this is possible because, by our spiritual awakening and Holy Spirit-led life, in the grace, we have been given the mind of Christ, which, through the higher law, ensures and assures our freedom, in the light of the following scriptures: Ephesians 4:20-24; Philippians 1:27-28; and Hebrews 5:5-11.





BY THE HIGHER LAW — YOU HAVE THE AUDACITY TO CELEBRATE YOUR FREEDOM IN THE GRACE

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." — Romans 1:16-17.

The Apostle Paul declares, in the above text, that he is not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, because he knows full well that there is power in the Gospel of the cross (1 Corinthians 1:18). He says further, in Galatians 6:14-15, that he will make his boast in the cross, for it is by the cross that he became what he is, and will ever be. Throughout his epistles, this same attitude may be seen at every turn.

This attitude of the Apostle Paul, in light of Scripture, compels me to make my boast and celebrate our freedom in Christ Jesus daily, by the higher law — the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus stead. I do not know what constitutes your reason to boast and celebrate today — but we can rule over mountains, valleys, crooked roads, and rough places that stand against our progress, in the grace.

"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.' The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion [Church]. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers [willing] In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth." — Psalm 110:1-3 (emphasis mine).

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." — Isaiah 40:3-5.

"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." — 1 John 4:17.

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God." — Galatians 6:14-16

Psalm 110:1-3 declares that God has purposed to send the rod of His strength through Zion — the Church and Body of Christ — against the enemy of our faith and his cohorts (Hebrews 12:22-24; Ephesians 3:9-12). And when we take a step of faith, willingly volunteering accordingly, God will pour His dew of anointing upon us, renewing our strength like that of a youth, as an eagle's (Psalm 103:5; 1 John 2:20, 27). Scripture goes further to say, "As He [Christ] is, so are we now in this present world" (1 John 4:17; cf. Ephesians 2:6-10).

You must come to terms with living by the grace Christ has made available to you, in God's wisdom, and stop living within your own limited mind and wisdom. It is time to celebrate through knowledge, not through the old religious mindset of denominational indoctrination, but with the higher law of grace — the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus stead. I pray earnestly that you would live daily in your redemption freedom, acknowledging these four principles of freedom, in the grace:

1. That you come to behold what Christ has done for you, in the grace.
2. That you come to behold what Christ has done in you, in the grace.
3. That you come to behold what Christ is doing for you now, in the grace.
4. And that you come to know what Christ is doing through you, seated at the right hand of God the Father, in the grace.

Until I come your way again, have a blessed celebration of your freedom in Christ Jesus, in the grace.

FINALLY: SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HIGHER LAW!

Our freedom, in the grace, in Christ Jesus stead, is governed by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus — the higher law, against any gravity and upthrust working against our wellbeing in redemptive grace. Overcoming any gravitational pull of life, or any upthrust against our buoyancy in doing life and living godly, can be attended to through the following, but not limited to:

- Knowing that the higher law operates by the law of faith — Galatians 3:1-12; Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:9
- Knowing that the higher law operates by the law of righteousness — Philippians 3:9; Romans 10:1-13; Romans 5:17-21; Romans 14:17-18
- Knowing that the higher law operates through justification and impartation from God alone — Romans 3:20-28; Romans 4:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Romans 5:1-2
- Knowing that it is by the higher law alone that one overcomes the law of sin and death, and its resulting condemnation — Romans 8:1-2; John 5:24; Romans 5:15-21
- Knowing that the higher law operates and functions only through love, in the hope of eternal life for all, in the grace — Romans 8:2; Romans 5:5, 8; Galatians 5:1, 5-6, 13, 24-25

It is my earnest prayer that you take advantage of the new creation you have in God, in Christ Jesus, and live to enjoy daily the freedom that God has offered you, in Christ Jesus stead. Amen (2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Galatians 6:14-16).

FREEDOM FROM FEAR & ANXIETY:

BREAKING THE BODY'S BONDAGE TO WORRY



There is a reason Scripture pairs freedom with the removal of fear so often. "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity... but of power and of love and of a calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:6-7, Amplified). What this month's theme teaches us spiritually, medicine confirms physically: fear and chronic anxiety don't just trouble the mind — they hold the body itself in a kind of bondage.

What Chronic Anxiety Does to the Body

Sleep is often the first casualty. People with anxiety disorders are significantly more likely to develop chronic insomnia, and when anxiety disrupts the natural cycles the brain moves through each night, the deep, restorative sleep the body needs gets cut short. That lost sleep, in turn, can contribute to weight gain, a weakened immune system, and greater risk of heart disease — a cycle that feeds itself.

Why This Matters for the Believer

None of this should surprise us. If the law of sin and death can hold a person "groundward," as this edition puts it, fear is one of its most physical expressions — a weight the body carries long after the mind has moved on to the next worry. This is precisely why Scripture doesn't merely tell us to feel less afraid, but reveals a higher law entirely: "Perfect love casteth out fear" (1 John 4:18). Freedom from fear isn't a matter of willpower — it's a matter of what law is operating in you.

Anxiety is also closely tied to digestive trouble — conditions like irritable bowel syndrome and chronic indigestion are strongly associated with ongoing anxiety, and roughly half of adults treated for IBS also struggle with an anxiety or depressive disorder. Anxiety can affect breathing too, producing rapid, shallow breaths, and it can worsen conditions like asthma.

Practical Steps Toward Freedom

- Feed your spirit-being on the Word daily. As this edition teaches, faith comes by hearing — and hearing by the Word (Romans 10:17). A mind consistently fed on truth has less room for fear to take root.
- Practise slow, deliberate breathing. Since anxiety produces rapid, shallow breathing, deliberately slowing your breath (in for four counts, hold for four, out for six) signals safety to your nervous system.
- Protect your sleep as an act of trust. Going to bed with unresolved worry tells your body the threat is still active. A short prayer of release before sleep — naming the worry to God and leaving it there — can be as much a physical practice as a spiritual one.
- Move your body regularly. Physical activity helps metabolise stress hormones your body has already produced, easing the physical residue anxiety leaves behind.
- Don't walk it alone. If fear or anxiety feels unmanageable, pairing prayer and scripture with the wisdom of a doctor or counsellor is not a lack of faith — it is stewardship of the very body God redeemed.

You were not given a spirit of fear. By the higher law of the Spirit of life, freedom from its grip belongs to you — spirit, soul, and body.

THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY — FREED FROM CONDEMNATION BY THE HIGHER LAW



Few encounters in Scripture capture "no condemnation" as vividly, or as personally, as the moment a nameless woman was dragged before Jesus, caught in the very act of sin, and made to stand as evidence in a trial she never asked to be part of. Her story is short — eleven verses — yet it holds, in miniature, the entire argument of this edition: that a higher law has come to override the law that once could only condemn.

Dragged Under the Weight of the Law

"And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, they say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?" — John 8:3-5.

There was no ambiguity in her case. The law of Moses was clear, and by that law, her sentence was already written before she was ever brought forward (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22). She stood in the middle of a hostile crowd, exposed, with nothing to say in her own defence — the law had already spoken, and it had spoken only condemnation. This is the very picture this edition has described: a law that reveals guilt but offers no way out of it, a law that can condemn but cannot deliver (Romans 3:20; Romans 8:3).

It is worth noting what the scribes and Pharisees do not bring: the man. The law they quoted required both parties be judged (Leviticus 20:10), yet only she stands accused. Even in the act of enforcing the law, human religion revealed its own selective cruelty — a reminder, echoed throughout this edition, that hypocrisy, prejudice, and sentiment are themselves enemies of true freedom.

The Trap Beneath the Accusation

"This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not." — John 8:6.

The religious leaders were not primarily concerned with justice — they were using the woman as a weapon against Jesus, hoping to trap Him between the law of Moses and the mercy He was known to preach. She was, in that moment, collateral: a human life reduced to a legal test case. Jesus' silence, and His writing in the dust, is one of the most striking pauses in all of Scripture — a moment where the accusers were made to wait, while the true issue quietly shifted from her guilt to their own.

The Verdict That Changed Everything

"So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her... And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one... And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst." — John 8:7, 9.

One by one, the accusers left — not because the law had changed, but because its full weight, honestly applied, condemned them as surely as it condemned her. This is the quiet, devastating truth beneath the whole scene: no one under the law of sin and death has any standing to condemn another, because all alike fall short of it (Romans 3:23).

No Condemnation

"When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."
— John 8:10-11.

This is the moment that this month's theme turns on. Jesus, the only person present who was, in fact, without sin, and therefore the only one with the legal right to cast the first stone, chose not to. Not because her sin didn't matter, and not because the law was wrong — but because a higher law had entered the scene, and it did not operate by condemnation. It operated by grace.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." — Romans 8:1.

Her freedom did not come from denying what she had done. It came from standing before the only Judge whose verdict actually mattered, and hearing Him choose mercy over the sentence the law demanded. And notably, Jesus does not leave her there — "go, and sin no more" is not a suggestion, but a summons into the very freedom this edition describes: not lawlessness, but a new law altogether, one that liberates rather than condemns.

What She Teaches Us in the Grace

The woman caught in adultery had no defence, no standing, and no way out by the law that held her. That is precisely the position every person stands in, apart from Christ — under a law that can only reveal guilt, never remove it. Her story is not primarily about sin; it is about what happens when the law of sin and death meets the law of the Spirit of life, face to face, in the person of Jesus.

For the believer today, walking in the grace, in Christ Jesus stead, her story stands as living proof that no condemnation truly means no condemnation — not from the accusers who once stood over you, not from the enemy who still tries to remind you of who you were, and not even from yourself. The stones have already been laid down. What remains is simply to walk free.

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