

# THE BUSINESS OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT...

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It's the 'BUT' in this verse that holds the good news from Heaven.

- BUT before you can get to the good news you have to hear the "WHY" it is good news.

## **Romans 6:23**

For sins meager wages is death, BUT God's lavish gift is life eternal, FOUND in your UNION with our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. (The Messiah).

- The Aramaic wording can be translated, "The business of sin is death."
- Scripture tells us that 'iniquity' was found in satan when he wanted to be like Yehovah.
- Sin is knowing the right thing to do BUT choosing NOT to do it.
- Satan knew the right thing to do, but he didn't and bam! Sin came.
- He introduced sin to mankind at the tree incident.
- The rebel spirits corrupted mankind with sin.
- His business is sin.
- And the wages sin pays are death.

## **BUT GOD**

- God's lavish gift is life eternal!
- Life eternal is ONLY found in your union with Jesus.
- Notice it is not anyone else's union with Jesus...
- It's YOURS.
- Your union with Jesus.
- Salvation is personal with God.
- It's individual.
- No one else can have a union with Him BUT you!

So, what does it look like to be in union with Jesus?

## **Romans chapter 7: We are joined to God's Anointed One--Jesus**

- Paul is using the example of marriage to illustrate the union we are to have with Jesus.
- The woman (bride) is married to 'The Law of Sin and Death' (satan).

- The Law of Sin and Death dies. (It was nailed to a cross when Jesus became sin).
- When The Law of Sin and Death died, the woman (bride) became free to marry someone else.
- Now she has a choice!
- She can continue living as if she were still married to The Law of Sin and Death (satan) OR
- She can marry someone else.
- The only ‘someone else’ is Jesus.
- There are only two choices.
- Stay the same or change.

**Verse 4:** So, my dear brothers and sisters, the same principle applies to your relationship with God. For you died to *your first husband*, the law, by being co-crucified with the body of the Messiah. So, you are now free to marry another—the One Who was raised from the dead so that you may now bear spiritual fruit (offspring) for God.

**Notice verse 5 & 6:**

- Merely living natural lives...
- I’m telling you we are supernatural creatures!
- We have access to two worlds—two dimensions!
- We have unconditional authority!
- Understand this: the law revealed what sin was by defining it.
- This revealing of what sin was, created a desire for it.
- Obedience to sin made mankind slaves to it.
- The end result is death.

**BUT NOW!**

- There’s that BUT again!
- But now that Jesus came...
- We have been RELEASED from the power of the law!
- We are now DEAD to what once controlled us~!
- Our lives are not motivated by the dos and don’ts of what we think will make us right with God.
- Instead, we are now living in the freshness of a new life in the power of the Holy Spirit!

**Verses 7-12 explains it further.**

- The problem is not with the law.
- They were intended for our good.

**Verses 13-25 reveals the real culprit.**

- It is not the law, but SIN -- UNMASKED -- that produced death!
- The commandments merely uncovered the evil of sin, so it could be seen for what it is!
- Notice the wording—trafficked as a slave under sin’s authority.
- Here’s the TRUTH! It is not your true self doing it, but the unwelcome intruder of SIN in your *humanity*!
- We were created in God’s image; for His purpose of representing Him in the earth.
- Our identity was lost at the fall of mankind.
- Humanity identifies with sin.
- The new creature identifies with the finished work of Christ, which is our restored identity back to Eden!

**Here’s the key to victory:**

- If left to yourself, the flesh is aligned with the law of sin,
- BUT NOW your RENEWED MIND is fixed on and SUBMITTED to God’s righteous principles.
- You MUST renew you mind!

**Romans 8:1-13**

- God was able to achieve what the law was unable to do.
- Why? Because the law was limited by the weaknesses of human nature.
- Every righteous decree of the law can be fulfilled through Jesus living His life in YOU!
- Find out what Jesus looks like and live that way.