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PARAGRAPH SIX

"It is by the motions of sin that we are so easily beset and brought into bondage by the law written on our hearts; with our conscience approving or reproving our thoughts and behavior; (unless one is reprobate and past feeling, having his conscience seared:) for by the law is the knowledge of sin; and the strength of sin is the law; for sin is the transgression of the law; and the law works wrath upon the transgressions of sin. As it is written,..."

ROMANS 7:5, KJV

5 For when **we were in** the flesh, **the motions of sins**, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

ROMANS 3:19-20, KJV

19 Now **we know that** what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:55-57, KJV

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
56 The sting of death is sin; and **the strength of sin is the law.**

FIRST JOHN 3:4, KJV

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: **for sin is the transgression of the law.**

ROMANS 4:13-16, KJV

13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.
14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:
15 Because **the law worketh wrath**: for where **no law** is, there is **no transgression.**

LETTER TO JENNIFER
 “FREE WILL AND THE MOTIONS OF SIN”
 ROMANS 7:14–8:9

Jennifer,

The foundation of doctrine is the definition of terms: e.g., What is free will?...What is predestination?... What is the Godhead?...What is the Word?...What does “born again” mean?...and on and on.

The term “free will” is legally understood, in that, if you obey the law, you remain “free” according to the law; and conversely, if you disannul the law, and proceed to conceive and establish a new law, you have then taken “liberty” to supercede the old law in order to establish the new. Patrick Henry rejected his civil obligation to remain under English law; and in so doing he no longer remained a “free” man: to the English he was a criminal; to the Americans he was a patriot. Patrick embraced “the spirit of liberty” and pursued the American dream: to establish a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal; to pursue a new and higher law under which men and women could live in peace and happiness. If Patrick failed in his efforts, he would fall back under English law as a traitor; a crime worthy of death. That is why the English shuddered when he proclaimed, “Give me liberty or give me death!” It was a declaration of war.

English law was to one man a freedom but unto another a tyranny. The American revolution resulted in a “change of the law” and a new nation was born; for without the shedding of blood there could be no change of the law.

Jesus Christ shed his blood...was crucified, died, and buried; and rose again from the dead...and thereby established the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus which has made us free from the law of sin and death. As it is written, “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty!” (II Corinthians 3:17, KJV)

Jennifer, you do not have “free” will: you are either a servant to sin or you are a servant to God. And the only way you can be a “bond servant” of the Most High God, even our Lord Jesus Christ, is to have received the seed of Christ into your soul. You must be born again.

It is by the motions of sin that we are so easily beset and brought into bondage by the law written on our hearts; with our conscience approving or reproving our thoughts and behavior; (unless one is reprobate and past feeling, having his conscience seared:) for by the law is the knowledge of sin; and the strength of sin is the law; for sin is the transgression of the law; and the law works wrath upon the transgressions of sin. As it is written,

ROMANS 7:14-25 THRU 8:1-9 KJV

14 For we know that the law [of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus] is spiritual: but I am carnal, [(conceived in iniquity and born in sin: of flesh and blood,)] sold under [the law of Moses by the law of the motions of] sin.

15 For that [sin] which I do I allow not [(that is my conscience condemns it)]: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that [sin] which I would not, I consent unto the law [of Moses (for by the law is the knowledge of sin)] that it [(the law of Moses)] is good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin [does the sinning] that dwelleth in me[; that is, in my flesh].

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: [(for there is none good but God; and God does not inhabit my flesh; but rather, the seed of Christ inhabits my soul which is “housed” in this my body of flesh and blood:)] for to will [to do the will of God] is present with me; [because I have the seed of Christ in my soul and the law of Moses written on my heart;] but how to perform that which is good I find not. [(At least not right now at this moment; today has not been a good day; let’s hope tomorrow will be better)].

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil [sin] which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that [evil sin that] I would not, it is no more I that do [the works of the evil sin], but the sin [itself...that mystery of iniquity] that dwelleth in me[; that is, in my flesh].

21 I find then a law [of the motions of sin], that, when I would do [the] good [will of God], evil is present with me [in my flesh to do the very opposite; or even worse, to emulate the good; as is the case with christian pharisees who feign grace as they obey the law of sin and death].

22 For I delight in the law [of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus] of God after the inward man [of my soul]:

23 But I see another law [of the motions of sin working] in my members, warring against the law [of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus] of my mind, [(meaning the “mind of Christ” that the believer has by being a recipient of the seed of Christ; its counterpart being the physical brain that is called the “carnal mind”: for the carnal mind is enmity against God and cannot please God; because the carnal mind has working in it the motions of sin, which continually generate lustful thoughts and imaginations)] and bringing me into captivity [or bondage to the law of Moses written on my heart and] to the law of [the motions of] sin which is [continually working] in [the flesh and blood of] my members.

24 O wretched man [according to the flesh] that I am! who shall deliver me [that is, my soul] from the body of this [sin and] death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind [of Christ] I myself [that is, my soul] serve the law [of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus] of God; but with the flesh [and blood of my body] the law of [the motions of] sin [and death].

ROMANS 8:1-9, KJV

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to [the souls of] them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not [in their body of flesh and blood] after the [law of sin which works death in the] flesh, but after the [law of the] Spirit of life in Christ Jesus [which works life in the soul].

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me [(that is, my soul,)] free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law [of the God of Moses] could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law [of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus] might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the [law of the motions of sin in the] flesh, but after the [law of the] Spirit [of life in Christ Jesus].

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; [(for not having the mind of Christ leaves one "dead" to the truth of God;)] but to be spiritually minded is life and peace [by having the mind of Christ that the believer has by being a recipient of the seed of Christ].

7 Because the carnal mind [of flesh and blood] is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of [the] God [of Moses unto obedience], neither indeed can be [because of the motions of sin that works in the blood of the flesh of the carnal mind].

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, **if so be** that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

In conclusion Jennifer, **if** the Spirit of God dwells in you then you will do the will of God; for God will be in you doing his will: causing you to believe in him unto your perfection; and the mercy of God will not impute the motions of sin in your flesh to your soul; for God's mercy is greater and more powerful than the works of sin. Nothing can separate the saints from the love of God! He has saved us to the uttermost.

But you must **truly** be born again of the Spirit of God.

And if any man come to you saying that you can backslide and lose your salvation; that sin can separate you from God; then know this: that man has never tasted the goodness of God: that man has never received the gift of the Holy Ghost: that man has no idea of the grace, mercy, love, and power of God to save his people from their sins!

This my word is my labor of love and may the grace of God be with you,
Caleb

ROMANS 7:14-25, KJV

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.
 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.
 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
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 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
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 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
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ROMANS 7:14-25, NIV

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 18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.
 19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.
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 21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law;
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 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
 25 Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
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 3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,
 4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.
 5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;
 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.
 9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

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