

Romans 7:6

But now we are delivered from the law,
that being dead wherein we were held;
that we should serve in the newness
of spirit, and not in the oldness of the
letter...

But now... These two words are huge indicators
of what Paul is getting at...

But now... That was then, now is now...

But now... That was the past, now is the present...

What a scary thing for a Jew...?

For 2000 years, his people had honored
the law, and served in the law...

Since Moses brought them up out of Egypt,
the Law was the center of attention

Everything revolved around the Law...

A whole tribe was dedicated (Levites)

to the duties of carrying out the law...

They built a temple to house all the
instruments of the law and perform all
the sacrifices required of the law -
the fougat batter to protect it...

And in times of revival and penance,

they returned to law and lifted it up
again to the glory of God...

And here comes Paul saying "But Now...
We don't have to do that anymore...
- We don't have to perform all these
ceremonies and rituals and sacrifice."
But now, we follow the leading of the spirit...

And that's why they wanted to kill him...
"Who are you, Paul, to change what we've
been doing for 2000 years?"

Paul put the priesthood out of business...
"Hey priests, you can go home now...
Your services are no longer needed...
Yeah, you can go home now and work
full time like the rest of us...
We believe in the priesthood of the believer
now... We don't need you to get access
to God anymore... Yeah, the veil has
been rent... You're out of business... I
can get to God on my own..."

In those times, there was no separation of
church + state... To throw off religion
was to throw off the government...
King ~~David~~ Solomon built the temple.
King Herod built another one...

So essentially, you were thrown off
the entire Jewish system when you
got saved...

If government back then is anything like
government today... they don't relinquish
power willingly, easily...

The church was mainly comprised of
Jews, back in the early days.

So, the church was essentially of
Revolution!! You had thousands of
Jews saying... OFF with the OLD
and IN with the NEW!! Rom 7:7-14

BUT NOW!! That was the Past
This is the present... I want to say
this... Getting saved is just that...
When you meet Jesus, it is a Revolution!!
Or at least it should be...

It's Different Now... The Law was
the whip that kept you on the
grindstone... It was shackles and
chains that held you...

But Now, it's the Spirit of God that
helps you, and teaches you, and
reaches out a helping hand...

Now we were not Jews ... so we can't possibly understand some of this. But none the less, there should still be a difference ...

SERVE IN THE NEWNESS OF SPIRIT ...

I don't care if you were a Jew, a Hindu, a Muslim, or a lost church member ... There will be a newness in spirit, when Jesus comes into someone's life ...

"Except a man be born water AND of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God ... That which is born of flesh is flesh; AND THAT (But Now!) That which is born of Spirit is spirit ...

Make no mistake: to be saved is to be spirit ... you are spirit ... Or you have been quickened in spirit ... Made alive in spirit ...

And God is spirit ... The Holy Spirit ... And he that worships God must worship him in Spirit & in Truth ...

Paul is saying in the newness of this spirit, we ought to serve God ...

Spirit... Paul admonishes us to
be filled with the Spirit.

(John 1:15) And of his fulness have all
we received, and grace for grace,
For the law was given by Moses, but (But
Wan)
Grace & truth came by Jesus Christ.

To be filled with the Spirit is to be empty
of ones self and the things of this
world and be filled with all the
fulness of God; all the grace & truth
that Christ can give...

(2 Corinths 3:6) Read,
The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life...

So here's some where the rubber meets
the road stuff... The letter kills or
condemns to death, but Spirit giveth
life...

That which is born of Spirit is Spirit... Spirit
begets spirit... You are the vehicle
in which God has chosen to pour
out his Spirit...

Acts
2:16

But this is that which was spoken by
the prophet Joel; And it shall come
to pass in the last days, saith God.
I will pour out of my Spirit upon all
flesh...

... And on my servants and on
my handmaidens I will pour out in
these days of my Spirit...

God's people ought to be life givers
not life takers...

ASLAN - The Magician's Nephew
(Evplan)

Gen 1: In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth. And the earth was
without form, and void, and darkness
was upon the face of the deep. And
the Spirit of God moved upon the face
of the waters... And God said...

LET ME ASK YOU THIS:...

What's coming out of your mouth...

Is it life or is it death?

Is it grace + truth or is it condemnation? →

Listen: You can sin + still be saved...

If we confess our sins, he is faithful + just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness...

ALL unrighteousness...

People mess up... People make mistakes... We lose our tempers, we ~~lose our~~ let down our guard...

We forget... We are weak... The flesh is weak... But the spirit is willing...

Thank God for his mercy... Who remembers me not according to my transgressions but according to his loving kindness...

Saved people can still sin... but let me tell what they can't do...

Saved folk don't go around pointing out everybody else's sin, they don't go around ~~criticizing~~ ^{criticizing} condemning everybody else...

Saved folk don't lock down their nose + talk down other people and put them down + complain about people and spread all manner of hate to other people...

Saved people don't do that...

What are saying pradesh?

I'm saying this... When you put people down like that all your doing is telling the world... "If ~~I~~ **I** were in that situation **I** would do better!"

(Or better yet... I don't do that...)

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- If we say that we have not sinned we make him a liar, and his ~~word~~ word is not in us...

Saved folk don't do that...

You ever heard of the unpardonable sin?

To Blaspheme to HS.

The Bible says, ^(Jesus) Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewithsoever they shall blaspheme;

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation..."

Even the greatest bible scholars will admit, they're not entirely sure what it means to blaspheme the HS...

(Matt 8:21-35 Reed)

The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.
The Spirit giveth life, the letter taketh life...

The Spirit giveth life, by grace and truth
with mercy and pardon... The spirit
teaches and lifts one up... The spirit
reaches out the helping hand... The spirit
is compassion...

But to work against the Spirit... To
do that which is contrary to the Spirit...
To have contempt against another,
to be unforgiving, to have no compassion,
to turn the other cheek, to criticize,
to condemn, to talk down to someone...
is to work against the Spirit, and
is unforgivable in the sight of God...

Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted,
forgiving one another, even as God, for
Christ's sake, has forgiven you...

SERVE IN THE NEWNESS OF THE SPIRIT...

Spirit begets spirit...
- That which is born of spirit is spirit...

There is a perpetual newness to the Holy Spirit...

Lamentations 3:22-23

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is thy faithfulness. --

And because God's mercies & compassion are new every morning, so should ours --

The Israelites, out in the wilderness, every morning they wake up... there it was... God's manna... And it was there new and fresh every day --

And there he is Jesus Christ, God's ~~central~~ true manna from heaven, new & fresh every morning... to sustain us and give us the strength & power to do God's will....

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NEW TRUCK / PATRICK FICHTNER
DOING TUESDAY

- When I met Jesus, everything was new...
- You talk about a broken spirit & contrite heart...
- ~~broken heart~~ The spirit of worship & prayer
- I'll tell you, I wasn't all bully and full of smiles and giggles...
- I was broken and humbled.... Everybody looked good to me... I was the chief of sinners...
- It was new...

- But I'll tell you this... I love it...
 I love when God renews a right spirit in me, and in humility I can commune with God... I wouldn't have it any other way...

- I miss + long for fellowship with God... even if it just happens sometimes
- I know that I am not complete w/o it
- I'm not perfect... I'm not gonna say that I have great fellowship with God ~~every morning~~ every morning... because I don't... (few do)
- But I do from time to time...
- And it's those times I long for and desire to serve in... The sweet presence of his Holy Spirit...

- To See in the Warming of Spirits is
to Live with great anticipation & expectation
of Life...

Because that which is born of Spirit is Spirit
Spirit begets spirits...

- Young couple's expectations → EXAMPLE (Married to
another)

- Seeing kids grow up... →

- So it is spirituality...
(How we all have matured) A reminder
when I 1st
came to P.I.B.

- So much more to come...

- TO DO → Live in the Spirit
Compare to the letter that killeth →

- What a man sows, that shall he also reap...
- Sows sparingly; reap sparingly
- Sows abundantly; reap abundantly... DO