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***“To FEED God’s Redeemed People With Knowledge And Understanding Of
The Truth By The Holy Spirit In The Grace”***

*[Ephesians 4:11-16; Jeremiah 3:15; John 21:15-17; Proverbs 27:23; Hosea 4:6; Isaiah
5:13-15; Matthew 22:29; 2 Timothy 2:15]*

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MONTH AUGUST 2026 THEME:

“FREEDOM BY THE HIGHER LAW” IN CHRIST JESUS!

“Ensuring Our REDEMPTION FREEDOM In Christ Jesus Stead”

*[Romans 8:1-2 (1-17); Romans 5:1-2, 12-21; Romans 10:4 (1-13); Galatians 3:10-14;
Galatians 5:1-25]*

INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY:

**FREEDOM BY THE HIGHER LAW
FROM THE BODILY CIRCUMCISION TO THE SPIRIT-
HEART CIRCUMCISION
[Galatians 5:5-6; Romans 2:28-29]**

SCRIPTURAL READING:

John 4:1-4, 9, 19-20; Philippians 3:3; 1 Corinthians 10:32; Romans 2:28-29;
Galatians 5:1-18; Galatians 3:10-29; Romans 8:1-17; Revelation 5:9-10

MEMORY VERSE -1:

*“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] . . . 5 For we [not relying on the Law but] through the [strength and power of the Holy] Spirit, by faith, are waiting [confidently] for the hope of righteousness [the completion of our salvation]. 6 For [if we are] in Christ Jesus **neither circumcision nor uncircumcision** means anything, but only faith activated and expressed and working through love” Galatians 5:1, 5-6/Amplified,*

MEMORY VERSE -2:

*“For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] will not be disappointed [in his expectations].” ¹² For there is **no distinction** between Jew [**Circumcision**] and Gentile [**Uncircumcision**]; for the same Lord is Lord over all [of us], and [He is] abounding in riches (blessings) for all who call on Him [in faith and prayer]. ¹³ For “**whoever calls on the name of the Lord [in prayer] will be saved**” Romans 10:11-13/Amplified*

PREAMBLE: HIGHER LAW ESSENCE!

The essence of the higher law is for freedom; and freedom is to be able to worship God worthily, and serve Him acceptably in the grace, without sentiments, prejudice and dissimulation. Living by the higher law is living by the law of the spirit of life, and the living by the law of the spirit of life is the enabling of God that gives, ensures and assures freedom; and freedom in the grace empowers victory and dominion in doing life and living godly in Christ Jesus stead.

“For the LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE in Christ Jesus hath MADE ME FREE from the LAW OF SIN AND DEATH” Romans 8:2.

Now I ask these but not limited questions:

- Do you earnestly desire the REDEPTIVE FREEDOM that is in Christ Jesus' stead?
- Do you know that you are REDEEMED in the grace by the Higher Law in Christ Jesus?
- Do you know what it means to be REDEEMED by the Higher Law?
- Do you know that YOU ARE REDEEMED, YOU ARE BEING REDEEMED and YOU SHALL BE REDEEMED by THE HIGHER LAW in Christ Jesus stead?

And you need to know and understand that, it's by the HIGHER LAW, the LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE-GIVING IN CHRIST JESUS, that makes it possible for us to do life and live godly IN THE GRACE; meaning, the essence of doing life and living godly in the grace - effortlessly and without sweat, without guilt, without fear phobia in terms of intimidation, oppression, suppression, insecurity and such like, and without sentiments, without prejudice and without dissimulation but in love, hope and faith, in all endeavours and ramifications.

I want you to know, that, it is by the REDEEMED, living BY THE HIGHER LAW – which is THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE in Christ Jesus, that we ARE guaranteed, given, and assured to ensure redemptive FREEDOM; the God's FREEDOM, that EMPOWERS VICTORY and DOMINION, A MORE THAN CONQUEROR and OVERCOMER realm in the grace; the position gives the leverage for us to be manifestly revealed as God's showcase in the grace in Christ Jesus' stead [**Romans 8:19-21**]. And just as it's written in the holy writ context of **Romans 8:2**, and in **Galatians 5:1, 13, 16-18**, it must be noted that this redemptive freedom – only comes into effect, when we ARE operating in the realm of the Spirit of life that is in Christ Jesus and not in the bodily [fleshly] law, which otherwise, is the LAW OF SIN AND DEATH – the law of sacrifices and ordinances of the human efforts instead of the God's Spirit-empowered as written:

“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] . . . 5 For we [not relying on the Law but] through the [strength and power of the Holy] Spirit, by faith, are waiting [confidently] for the hope of righteousness [the completion of our salvation] . . . 13 For you, my brothers, were CALLED TO FREEDOM; ONLY DO NOT let your FREEDOM become an opportunity for the SINFUL NATURE (worldliness, selfishness), but through love serve and seek the best for one another . . . 16

But I say, WALK HABITUALLY in the [Holy] Spirit [seek Him and be RESPONSIVE to His guidance], and then you will CERTAINLY NOT CARRY OUT THE DESIRE OF THE SINFUL NATURE [which responds impulsively without regard for God and His precepts]. 17 For the sinful nature has its desire which is opposed to the Spirit, and the [desire of the] Spirit opposes the sinful nature; for these [two, the sinful nature and the Spirit] are in direct opposition to each other [continually in conflict], so that you [as believers] do not [always] do whatever [good things] you want to do. 18 But if you are GUIDED and LED by the Spirit, you are not subject to the Law” Galatians 5:1-18/Amplified.

Just as in life, we know that there is no single educational system in the world designed to educate people to tell lies or cheat or run down government or to create any of the societal vices, or epidemics and pandemics in terms of sicknesses and diseases, or to create the inhumane, evil and wickedness we find in communities and societies and nations today. Do you know of any institution that teaches and lectures any of the things mentioned or such like? I can tell you such institutions would be cracked down on immediately by the state.

However, in human nature there is A LAW OF NATURE in doing life – it is THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH, which is operating, knowingly or unknowingly, on earth in every phase of doing life. And everyone, by virtue of being born on earth, finds themselves exhibiting one or more of the traits of this law in their human nature and are affected directly or indirectly by the consequence of its operations.

But there is another law – THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS. This LAW gives LEVERAGE over THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH [Romans 8:1-2]. SIN is the cause and effect of SICKNESS, POVERTY AND SPIRITUAL DEATH. And SPIRITUAL DEATH results in PHYSICAL DEATH, invariably resulting in ETERNAL DEATH, knowingly and unknowingly, in rejecting the redemptive freedom that God offers through Christ Jesus’ stead in the grace. For the Apostle Paul found out that there was a struggle within him with the law of sin and death that was operating in him. This is also applicable to everyone who is not born of God in Christ Jesus, and one may have been born of God but has not allowed the Holy Spirit – who is the governance of THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE in Christ Jesus – to take hold and have pre-eminence over their well-being in total.

“For I joyfully delight in THE LAW of God in my inner self [with my new nature], 23 but I see a different law and rule of action in the members of my body [in its appetites and desires], WAGING WAR AGAINST THE LAW OF MY MIND and subduing me and making

me a prisoner of THE LAW OF SIN which is within my members. 24 Wretched and miserable man that I am! Who will [rescue me and] set me free from this body of death [this corrupt, mortal existence]? 25 Thanks be to God [for my deliverance] THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with MY MIND [SPIRIT-MIND] SERVE THE LAW of God, but on the other, with MY FLESH [my HUMAN NATURE, my WORLDLINESS, my SINFUL CAPACITY—I SERVE] THE LAW OF SIN” Romans 7:22-25/AMP.

Hence, THE HIGHER LAW is the LAW that enables one to live in DOMINION over all bondages which are the consequence and effect of THE SINFUL NATURE: POVERTY, SICKNESS, and SPIRITUAL DEATH. Therefore, it is imperative that you CONNECT to THE HIGHER LAW today, and live FREE in Christ for VIRTUE and GLORY. I urge you, therefore, in Christ Jesus’ stead, to STRIVE LAWFULLY by THE HIGHER LAW to WIN in life, to live in DOMINION and VICTORY and to be FULFILLED – all effortlessly and without sweat in God’s GRACE and BLESSEDNESS. Living by the higher law – the law of the SPIRIT of life in Christ Jesus – sets one free and keeps one in the realm of dominion.

“And if a man also STRIVE FOR MASTERIES, yet is he NOT CROWNED, except he STRIVE LAWFULLY” 2 Timothy 2:5.

INTRODUCTION: THE CIRCUMCISION AND UNCIRCUMCISION!

In the Bible, physical circumcision is the cutting off of the foreskin of the male genitalia, and it is a sign of God's covenant with Abraham and his descendants **[Genesis 17:10-14]**. While the Old Testament strictly required physical circumcision for Israelite males and foreigners joining the Passover, the New Testament teaches that physical circumcision is no longer required for salvation, shifting the focus to a "circumcision of the heart" ["Circumcision of the spirit-man"] through faith in Jesus Christ **[Galatians 5:5-6; Romans 2:28-29]**.

The Jews were considered to be of the CIRCUMCISION, as a people with the custodianship of the commandment of God, otherwise the Mosaic Law, while the Gentiles, otherwise depicted sometimes as the Greeks are classed as the UNCIRCUMCISION as a group, and this group is of all who are not JEWS and irrespective **[Galatians 5:6; Romans 10:12; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25]**, And the two categories, JEWS and GREEK [GENTILES] make what the Scriptures called the Church of God in redemption **[1 Corinthians 10:32]**. And the two categories in redemption together have equal access and freedom to God in Christ

Jesus, even in the Abrahamic blessedness in the grace **[Romans 5:1-2, 12-21; Galatians 3:6-29]**.

And in redemption, the two categories were Justified [discharged and acquitted and received] in Christ Jesus **[Romans 5:1-8, 12-21]**; the result is that they become together, a NEW CREATION, and as such, they have no past just as a Newborn baby has no history even though some people lived in the bondage of tradition in reincarnation because of a birthmark. For the New Creation has been qualified, delivered and conveyed [translated] into God's kingdom of doing life and living godly in the grace **[Colossians 1:12-14/NKJV]**; and is no longer held bound by the old creation nature that's limited in essence of being - circumcision and uncircumcision - in any form or shape, in the redemptive grace of freedom in Christ Jesus by the Higher law **[Romans 8:1-18; Colossians 2:1-23; Galatians 5:1-18]**.

For Jesus introduced the two categories [JEWS (CIRCUMCISION) and GENTILES (UNCIRCUMCISION)] to the Father and Fatherhood, as the Apostle Paul later affirmed them as the Family of God in the grace in the epistles too **[Luke 9:28-36; Luke 11:1-4; Ephesians 3:14-15]**. And by redemption, the blessing of God that enriches **[Proverbs 10:22]**, has made the OLD CREATION TESTAMENT [of circumcision and uncircumcision] that was built on conditionality, (the "IF") based on human efforts and sacrifices, of blessedness, to be obsolete **[Deuteronomy 28:1-14]**; while in the NEW CREATION TESTAMENT, the blessedness is without conditionality, but in obedience through faith in the unconditionality of the REDEMPTION in Christ Jesus, in the grace **[Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 3:13-14; Philemon 1:6]**.

DISCUSSION – 1:

1. MATTERS OF TWO DISTINCTION - CIRCUMCISION AND UNCIRCUMCISION IN THE TESTAMENTS

A: OLD TESTAMENT VIEW: The Covenant Mark.

- i. The Sign of the Covenant:** God commanded Abraham to circumcise every male at eight days old as an everlasting physical sign of the covenant in **Genesis 17:10–14**.
- ii. A Requirement for Identity:** Being uncircumcised meant being cut off from God's people; uncircumcised men could not partake in the Passover feast: **Exodus 12:48**.

- iii. **The "Uncircumcised" as Outsiders:** The phrase "uncircumcised" often referred to Gentile nations who did not worship Yahweh, sometimes used as a term of reproach: e.g., **1 Samuel 17:26**.
- iv. **Circumcision of the Heart:** Prophets like Moses and Jeremiah urged Israel to look beyond the physical cut to spiritual obedience, telling them to "*circumcise the foreskin of your heart*" **Deuteronomy 10:16, (Jeremiah 4:4)**.

B: NEW TESTAMENT VIEW: The Spiritual Reality Over Flesh.

- i. **Not Required for Salvation:** The early church debated whether Gentile converts needed to be circumcised like Jews - **Acts 15:1–5**. The apostles concluded they did not.
- ii. **Paul's Stance:** The Apostle Paul wrote that "*circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing*" **1 Corinthians 7:19**, emphasising that faith working through love is what matters - **Galatians 5:6**. Forcing Gentiles to be circumcised was viewed as missing the point of grace - **Galatians 5:2–4**.
- iii. **Spiritual Circumcision:** Christians experience a "circumcision not made by hands" through baptism and spiritual rebirth in Christ **Colossians 2:11–12**, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy of a changed heart.

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF TWO DIFFERENT DISPENSATIONS:

A. Fleshly religious practices that depict the law of sin and death:

- i. Not born again/born of God
- ii. Salvation and worship of God were by sacrifices, oblations, and ordinances
- iii. Not Spirit filled
- iv. Not Spirit led
- v. No written WORD available
- vi. Led by men who were not born again: Prophets, priests, kings, and Levites.
- vii. Lived by self-righteousness
- viii. Lived through dos and don'ts
- ix. Lived through bylaws and traditions

**B. The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus in the Believers of God assures FREEDOM:
The practices that the Spirit brings about to guarantee FREEDOM in the grace:**

- i.** Born Again/born of God: John 3:1-9, 16-18.
- ii.** Baptised and Spirit filled: Acts 1:5, John 14:16-17;
- iii.** Holy Spirit born convert: John 16:1-11
- iv.** Spirit empowered/endued/endowed: Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8;
- v.** Spirit led: Romans 8:14-17
- vi.** Written Word of God and its interpretation by the Spirit within: Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-12;
- vii.** Holy Spirit-led leaders: Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:28-31; Romans 12:1-8.

Worship God in spirit and truth by the Holy Spirit: Philippians 3:3; John 4:19-24.

IS IT A SIN IF YOU'RE NOT CIRCUMCISED? No, being uncircumcised is not a sin. By redemption, physical circumcision has no bearing on salvation or sin, as the New Testament teaches that faith in Jesus Christ is what matters rather than bodily rituals. In Judaism, circumcision (***brit milah***) is a religious command for Jewish males, but secular or non-religious contexts attach no moral wrongdoing to it.

Considering Religious Views Concerning Circumcision:

- a. Christianity:** The Apostle Paul wrote that physical circumcision or uncircumcision counts for nothing; trying to force circumcision as a requirement for faith goes against the grace of Christ.
- b. Judaism:** Traditional Jewish law requires male infants to be circumcised on the eighth day as a sign of the covenant. For those not born into the tradition or who are uncircumcised, it is viewed through the lens of Jewish law rather than an active personal sin.
- c. Islam:** Circumcision (***khitan***) is widely practised and considered an important tradition or obligation depending on the specific school of Islamic jurisprudence, but medical or practical exceptions exist.

WHY DOES GOD WANT MALES CIRCUMCISED? Genesis 17:10–14

From a scriptural perspective, God commanded Abraham and his male descendants to be circumcised as an outward, physical sign of an everlasting covenant. This permanent mark

in the flesh set the Israelites apart from other nations, symbolised spiritual purity, and focused the lineage through which future promises were believed to flow.

The Sign of the Covenant:

- **An identity mark:** It permanently stamped God's promise into the flesh of Israelite males, serving as a generational reminder of their belonging to God
- **Focus on procreation:** Placing the mark on the reproductive organ symbolised that life, future generations, and the promise of a multitude of descendants came from God.
- **A public distinction:** It separated the Israelites visually and culturally from neighbouring nations that did not worship the God of Abraham.

Symbolic and Spiritual Meanings

- **Cleansing of sin:** The "cutting away" of the flesh symbolised the need to strip away human corruption and sin.
- **The "circumcision of the heart":** The Bible later explains that the physical act was meant to point to an inner reality. Prophets like Moses and Jeremiah urged Israel to "*circumcise their hearts*", meaning they needed to be genuinely humble, obedient, and loving toward God internally, rather than relying only on an outward body mark.

DID JESUS TEACH THE DISCIPLES OR FOLLOWERS TO GET CIRCUMCISED?

No, Jesus did not command his followers to get circumcised. He was circumcised as an infant according to Jewish law, but he never taught or commanded physical circumcision as a requirement for his disciples.

What Jesus Taught:

- Personal Practice:** Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day of life as recorded in Luke 2:21 to fulfil the law of Moses.
- Gospel Silence:** Jesus did not command physical circumcision in any of his recorded teachings in the Gospels.
- Rare Mention:** He mentioned circumcision only once in **John 7:22-23** to compare Jewish Sabbath laws with healing. He did not instruct people to perform it.

What the Early Church Decided:

- The Apostle Paul:** Paul explicitly stated that physical circumcision is not necessary for Christians. He wrote in Galatians 5:6 that "neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love".

- b. The Council of Jerusalem:** In Acts 15, the early church apostles decided that Gentile (non-Jewish) believers did not need to undergo physical circumcision to be saved.

Who was the first person circumcised in the Bible? Abraham was the first person to be circumcised in the Bible, at the age of ninety-nine, along with his son Ishmael and the males of his household.

Biblical Account of Circumcision:

- a. The Command:** God gave Abraham the rite in Genesis 17 as a sign of His covenant.
- b. The Age:** Abraham was 99 years old when he underwent the procedure.
- c. Household:** On that same day, he also circumcised his 13-year-old son Ishmael and every male in his house.

What does it mean that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything in FREEDOM (Galatians 5:1, 5-6/Amplified)?

In **Galatians 5:6**, the apostle Paul writes, *“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love” (ESV)*. Here, Paul argues that external religious observances are secondary to what is of primary importance: faith working through love. Circumcision or uncircumcision is irrelevant compared to the *“surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Philippians 3:8/ESV)*. Moreover, sinners are justified by faith and not by works of the law (**see Romans 3:20**). Circumcision is one such work of the law.

The book of Galatians relates the FREEDOM we have in Christ from the Old Testament Law. The Galatian believers were struggling with the theological question of whether Gentile Christians should be circumcised to be justified before God. Paul rejected the idea of demanding Gentiles be circumcised and argued that salvation is by grace through faith rather than observance of the Mosaic Law (**Galatians 2:16**). Under the New Covenant, circumcision is irrelevant.

Paul is not dismissing Jewish identity or culture. Rather, he argues that outward signs do not determine one’s standing before God. For centuries, circumcision symbolised God’s covenant with Israel (**Genesis 17:10-14**). However, in Christ, *“circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter” (Romans 2:29/ESV)*. That is why *“neither circumcision [of the flesh] nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love” (Galatians 5:6/ESV)*.

The Scriptural writ of **Galatians 5:6** also addresses the danger of legalism and religious pride. Legalism reduces faith to a checklist of rules and rituals, and pride derives self-worth from external obedience. When Paul says, “*Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything*,” he dismantles any basis for boasting about human achievements (**see Ephesians 2:8-9**). Christ is the source of our salvation. Whether circumcised or uncircumcised, Jews and Gentiles are equal in Christ (**Colossians 3:11**).

Moreover, the fact that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything highlights the gospel’s universal offer. Many Jewish Christians struggled with how to integrate Gentile Christians into the church. However, **Galatians 5:6** assures readers that justification depends not on nationality, ethnicity, gender, denomination, religion or observance of the Mosaic Law but on faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s promise to Abraham was, “*In you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed*” (**Genesis 12:3/ESV; Galatians 3:6-29**). That blessing comes to us with or without physical circumcision.

Galatians 5:6 compels believers to evaluate the substance of their faith. Do we believe salvation is based on obedience to a certain law? Or do we believe we are secure in God’s grace as shown in the finished work of Christ?

What counts is “*faith working through love*” **Galatians 5:6/ESV**). Notice that ***faith works***. Faith is active rather than passive (**Ephesians 2:10**). The apostle James writes, “*Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead*” (**James 2:17**). Loving God and others is how we demonstrate genuine faith (**Matthew 22:37-39**).

Paul’s teaching in **Galatians 5:1, 5-6** is relevant today. Christians sometimes prioritise external expressions of faith, such as church attendance or denominational affiliations, over “*faith working through love*.” Some Christians still place themselves under laws governing food or Sabbath observance and such likes (**Colossians 2:8-23**). But the apostle’s teaching that “*neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything*” reminds us that external obedience is not what counts. In fact, “*You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace*” (**Galatians 5:4**).

Believers must examine their motives. ***Are we pursuing spiritual disciplines out of love for God or trying to earn His favour? Is our love for others an outflow of genuine faith, or are we trying to gain their approval?***

The reminder that neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything reorients believers to the heart of the gospel. The gospel calls us to abandon superficial markers of

righteousness to embrace a faith expressed in love. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13:2, *“If I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing” (ESV).*

DISCUSSION - 2:

THE ENEMIES OF THE REDEMPITIVE FREEDOM IN THE FAITH

- The Enemy we KNOW – The Devil
- The Enemy WITHIN Us – The FLESH
- The Enemy we SEE – The WORLD
- The Enemy we DO – The RELIGION [Most dangerous to the faith]
 - Some people are born into religion [Religious movement] – Judaism, Orthodox, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, Protestants, Charismatic, Evangelical, Methodist, etc, while still in the Church.
 - Some people are born into a denomination – they won’t worship anywhere that’s not of their family’s denomination.
 - Some are born into tribes, traditions, and cultural heritage places.
 - Some are born into dogmas, bylaws and human regulations.

THE TRUTH: FREEDOM BY THE WORD [Ephesians 4:15-17].

- a. The TRUTH that sets FREE: **John 8:30-32; John 14:6; John 1:1-5, 14, 17.**
- b. Freedom from stupidity and ignorance through knowledge: **Hosea 4:1, 6; Isaiah 5:13-15; Acts 17:30-32.**

HIGHER LAW: GIVES TRIUMPH OVER THE FLESH: Romans 8:1-17, 26-27

- a. We are called to Fellowship through worship to enhance our relationship with God. To worship Him worthily and serve Him acceptably in Christ Jesus stead, through the Holy Spirit, in the Word of God, by our spirit being in the grace. **1 Corinthians 1:9; Psalms 16:11; Philippians 3:3.**
- b. And by the Higher law, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, we overcome the flesh, which is an effect of the law of sin and death of the Mosaic law, which came into effect to remedy the curse of the law. **Romans 8:1-17; Galatians 5:1, 13 (1-18)/Amplified.**
- c. Circumcised in the heart of worship: **John 4:1-4, 9, 19-24; Philippians 3:3; Romans 2:28-29; 1 Corinthians 10:32; Galatians 5:1, 5, 13.**

THE FREEDOM TO WORSHIP BEYOND WALLS: John 4:1-4, 18-24, Colossians 2:1-23

a. Beyond Walls: The body of Christ Jesus in the grace is the real deal in redemption, which means our redemption surpasses all things about our sense knowledge – we are God’s family [**Ephesians 3:14-21**]. Jesus, being initially the only begotten of the Father, has now begotten us into the brotherhood, to make us otherwise as His brethren in the grace: **1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Ephesians 4:4-6; Revelation 5:9-10; Galatians 3:26-29; 1 Peter 2:9-10.**

- i. Jesus - First begotten son [**Matthew 3:16-17**].
- ii. Jesus - First begotten from the dead [**Revelation 1:5-6**].
- iii. Jesus - First among brethren [**Romans 8:29**].
- iv. Jesus – became like His Brethren [**Hebrews 2:11-18**].

b. A call to fellowship to enhance relationships: 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 5:7.

- i. Old Testament: God the Father [only known the Almighty]
- ii. New Testament: God the son
- iii. New Creation Testament - God the Holy Spirit.

THE LAWS AND IMPLICATIONS:

THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH: This is the default “LAW OF NATURE” operating and governing in every human by virtue of birth [being born] on earth. The effect is this - it produces SICKNESS, POVERTY, SPIRITUAL DEATH, and the spiritual death gives rise to PHYSICAL DEATH and leads to ETERNAL DEATH for those who reject God’s redemptive freedom. It manifests as societal vices, inhumanity, evil, wickedness, and the struggle Paul described in **Romans 7:22-25**. Even a born-again Believer experiences this struggle if they do not yield to the Holy Spirit. *Key Scriptural Text:* **Romans 7:23, 24-25.**

THE HIGHER LAW, WHICH IS THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS: This is the governing principle of the New Creation. Its effect is that it gives leverage over THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH. It GUARANTEES, ENSURES, and ASSURES FREEDOM, and EMPOWERS VICTORY and DOMINION. **Romans 8:1-2.** It sets one free and keeps one in the realm of DOMINION, VICTORY, OVERCOMERS, TRIUMPH, and MORE THAN CONQUEROR in the grace in Christ Jesus’ stead.

THE PROBLEM: BONDAGE OF THE FLESH: No educational system teaches people to lie, cheat, or create epidemics and wickedness. Yet these exist because of the law of sin and death in human nature, which **Romans 8:6-8** explains: **THE MIND OF THE FLESH IS DEATH** and is ACTIVELY HOSTILE to God. Those in the flesh CANNOT PLEASE God. The Law itself was weak to overcome this because of the flesh. **Romans 8:3.**

THE SOLUTION: REDEMPTION AND THE SPIRIT

God solved this by sending Christ. He CONDEMNED SIN in the flesh so that the requirement of the Law might be FULFILLED in us who walk in THE WAYS OF THE SPIRIT **[Romans 8:3-4]**. Therefore, there is NOW NO CONDEMNATION for those in Christ Jesus **[Romans 8:1]**. Freedom is not lawlessness. It is freedom to serve in love, hope, and faith; and not an opportunity for the sinful nature **[Galatians 5:1, 13]**. It requires: **WALKING HABITUALLY in the Spirit** and being GUIDED and LED by the Spirit. **[Galatians 5:16, 18, 24-26]**.

THE IMPERATIVE TO FREEDOM: STRIVE LAWFULLY ON THE HIGHER LAW

Because the Higher Law exists, it is imperative that every Believer **CONNECT to THE HIGHER LAW today** to live **FREE** for VIRTUE and GLORY in the grace. This requires **STRIVING LAWFULLY** — just as an athlete is not crowned except, he strives lawfully **[2 Timothy 2:5; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27]**. And the **PURPOSE OF STRIVING LAWFULLY** is for these, but not limited to:

- a.** To WIN in life
- b.** To live in DOMINION and VICTORY
- c.** To be FULFILLED — effortlessly and without sweat in God's GRACE and BLESSEDNESS.
- d.** This is not mental exertion, but Spirit-energised living under grace.

CONCLUSION:

This study is here to resolve the spiritual divide that have held many in bondage and kept many captive because of the doctrinal religious and traditional context of many to the scriptural writ. However, this redemptive freedom charge is calling Believers to transition from bondage into God's assured freedom that's operating under *THE HIGHER LAW* —

THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS instead of *THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH*. It's a contrast between two opposing governing laws affecting our ways of doing life and living godly as humans, under God, in Christ Jesus, in the grace [**Romans 8:2, 14, 26-27; Galatians 5:1, 24-25**].

- The Law of the Holy Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus gives victory to overcome any fleshly [bodily] limitations: **Romans 8:2, 11**.
- The higher law of the Holy Spirit gives leverage when we live and walk in the Spirit law: **Galatians 5:24-25**.
- The Holy Spirit makes living in life effectual in the grace for the New Creation: **John 14:16-17; Romans 8:26-27**.

As we conclude this discussion, I want us to anchor on these three scriptural passages in respect of our redemptive freedom in the grace. It's worth our thought and pondering in context:

- **Romans 8:1-8/Amplified:** The law of the Spirit of Life has set us free. We are to set our minds on the Spirit, not the flesh, to experience life and peace.
- **Romans 7:22-25/Amplified:** The internal war between the law of God in the inner man and the law of sin in the members. Deliverance is THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **Galatians 5:1-18, 24-26/Amplified:** Called to Freedom. Do not use freedom for the sinful nature. Walk in the Spirit to not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Living by the higher law — the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus — sets one free and keeps one in the realm of dominion. The burden is to call the Church to reject the operation of sin, sickness, and poverty, and to embrace Spirit-governed, grace-empowered, lawful living. Only then can a Believer experience the assured freedom, dominion, and fulfilment.

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