

Jeremiah 31:31-34

- 31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,
32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.
33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
34 “They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Jeremiah 32:38-41

- 38 “They shall be My people, and I will be their God;
39 and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for *the good of* their children after them.
40 “I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.
41 “I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.

Ezekiel 36:22-27

- 22 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.
23 “I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.
24 “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.
25 “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.
26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Hebrews 10:1-18

- 1 For the Law, since it has *only* a shadow of the good things to come *and* not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.
2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?
3 But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins year by year.
4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,

- “SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED,
BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;
6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.
7 “THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME
(IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME)
TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.’ ”
8 After saying above, “SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND
sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them*”
(which are offered according to the Law),
9 then He said, “BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL.” He takes away the first in order to
establish the second.
10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once
for all.
11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which
can never take away sins;
12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF
GOD,
13 waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.
14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,
16 “THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM
AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:
I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART,
AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,”
He then says,
17 “AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS
I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.”
18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

Hebrews 9:15-17

- 15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place
for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those
who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
16 For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.
17 For a covenant is valid *only* when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who
made it lives.

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

- 1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, letters of
commendation to you or from you?
2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men;
3 being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with
the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
4 Such confidence we have through Christ toward God.
5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but
our adequacy is from God,
6 who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit;
for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

- 7 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading *as* it was,
8 how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?
9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory.
10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses *it*.
11 For if that which fades away *was* with glory, much more that which remains *is* in glory.
12 Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in *our* speech,
13 and *are* not like Moses, *who* used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away.
14 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.
15 But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;
16 but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.
18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

1 John 3:4-10

- 4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.
5 You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.
6 No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.
7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;
8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.
9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

Galatians 5:16-21

- 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.
19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,
21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Romans 7:14

Of flesh [*sarkinos*] adj.

- 1 fleshly, consisting of flesh, composed of flesh.
2 pertaining to the body (as earthly and perishable material).
3 wholly given up to the flesh, rooted in the flesh as it were.¹

Sold [*piprasko*] verb.

1 to sell. 1A of price, one into slavery. 1B of the master to whom one is sold as a slave.

2 metaph. 2A sold under sin, entirely under the control of the love of sinning. 2B of one bribed to give himself up wholly to another's will.¹

into bondage to sin

A marker of a controlling person, institution, or power—‘under the control of, under obligation to. ‘but the Scripture includes all things under the power of sin’ Ga 3:22; ‘in order that he may redeem those who are under the Law’ or ‘... under obligation to abide by the regulations of the Law’ Ga 4:5.²

The inner man (Romans 7:22)

(idiom, literally ‘the inner person’ and ‘the hidden person’) the psychological faculty, including intellectual, emotional, and spiritual aspects, in contrast with the purely physical aspects of human existence—‘the inner being, the inmost being, inwardly.’

In a number of languages it is quite impossible to speak of the psychological faculty of a person as being merely ‘that which is within.’ It is frequently necessary to refer to a particular organ of the body, for example, ‘the heart’ or ‘the liver’ or ‘the spleen.’ In some languages, however, one may refer to this faculty as being ‘the person who stands inside’ or ‘the real person’ or even ‘the other person.’²

Law of sin which is in my members (Romans 7:23)

Law of sin (7:25)

Law [*nomos*] n m. Anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, a command.¹

Sin [*hamartia*] **1** to miss the mark; to err; to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor; to wander from the law of God, violate God's law, sin. **2** a violation of the divine law in thought or in act.¹

Members [*melos*] a part of the body— In some languages an equivalent is simply ‘division,’ and in a few languages an even more generic expression such as ‘things’ is used, so that ‘the parts of the body’ may be rendered by an expression meaning literally ‘things of the body.’²

Body of death (7:24)

Here Paul wrote of the “body of death”; in Romans 6:6 he wrote of the “body of sin.” These mean that sin works through one's human body (cf. 6:6, 12–13, 19; 7:5, 23), bringing death (6:16, 21, 23; 7:10–11, 13; 8:10).³

With that in mind he yearns to be rescued from “this body of death,” that is, from the body in its present condition, subject to the ravages of sin and death. He knows that as long as he lives in this present “body of humiliation” (Phil. 3:21) the terrible struggle will be continued. But once

¹ Strong, J. (1995). *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon*. Woodside Bible Fellowship.

² Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, pp. 319–320). New York: United Bible Societies.

³ Witmer, J. A. (1985). *Romans*. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 2, p. 468). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

the life in that body ceases, the state of sinless glory will commence; first for the soul, then also for the body.⁴

Acts 9:1-22

- 1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,
- 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;
- 4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”
- 5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He *said*, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,
- 6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.”
- 7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
- 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.
- 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
- 10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”
- 11 And the Lord *said* to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying,
- 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.”
- 13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem;
- 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”
- 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;
- 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”
- 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”
- 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;
- 19 and he took food and was strengthened.
- Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,
- 20 and immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”
- 21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, “Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”
- 22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

⁴ Hendriksen, W., & Kistemaker, S. J. (1953–2001). *Exposition of Paul’s Epistle to the Romans* (Vol. 12–13, pp. 237–238). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.

Acts 22: 1-16

- 1 “Brethren and fathers, hear my defense which I now *offer* to you.”
- 2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew dialect, they became even more quiet; and he said,
- 3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today.
- 4 “I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons,
- 5 as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.
- 6 “But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,
- 7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’
- 8 “And I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.’
- 9 “And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.
- 10 “And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.’
- 11 “But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus.
- 12 “A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, *and* well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,
- 13 came to me, and standing near said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And ^bat that very time I looked up at him.
- 14 “And he said, ‘The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.
- 15 ‘For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.
- 16 ‘Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’

Acts 26:1-20

- 1 Agrippa said to Paul, “You are permitted to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and *proceeded* to make his defense:
- 2 “In regard to all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that I am about to make my defense before you today;
- 3 especially because you are an expert in all customs and questions among *the* Jews; therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.
- 4 “So then, all Jews know my manner of life from my youth up, which from the beginning was spent among my *own* nation and at Jerusalem;
- 5 since they have known about me for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that I lived *as* a Pharisee according to the strictest sect of our religion.
- 6 “And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers;
- 7 *the promise* to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve *God* night and day. And for this hope, O King, I am being accused by Jews.
- 8 “Why is it considered incredible among you *people* if God does raise the dead?
- 9 “So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

- 10 “And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them.
- 11 “And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities.
- 12 “While so engaged as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests,
- 13 at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me.
- 14 “And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’
- 15 “And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.
- 16 ‘But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;
- 17 rescuing you from the *Jewish* people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,
- 18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.’
- 19 “So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision,
- 20 but *kept* declaring both to those of Damascus first, and *also* at Jerusalem and *then* throughout all the region of Judea, and *even* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

Philippians 3:2-16

- 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;
- 3 for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,
- 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:
- 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.
- 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,
- 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,
- 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
- 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
- 12 Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

- 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,
- 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;
- 16 however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.