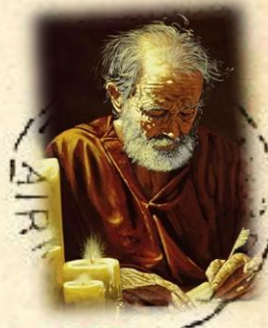


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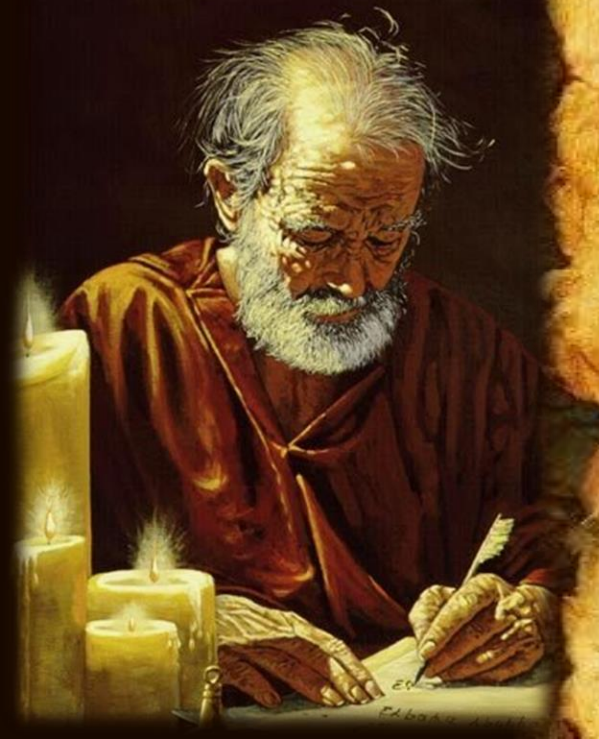


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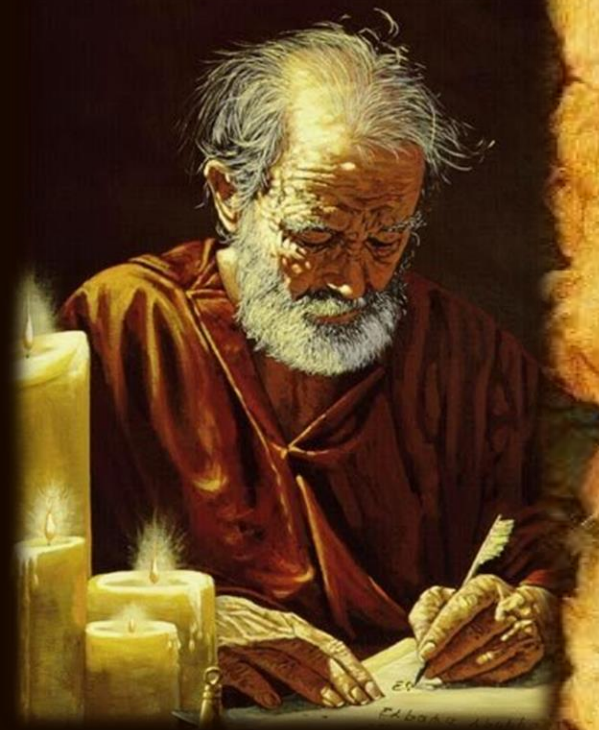
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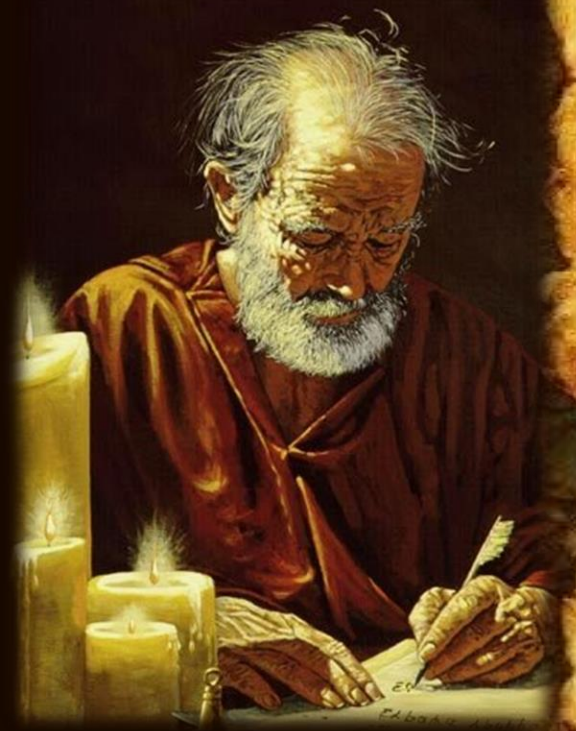
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Flesh & Spirit



The law of sin

Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, ^aI had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known ²lust, except the law had said, ^dThou shalt not covet.

8 But sin, taking ^eoccasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For ^hwithout the law sin was dead.

9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

10 And the commandment, ^kwhich was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, ^ldeceived me, and by it slew me.

12 Wherefore ^mthe law is holy, and the commandment holy, and ⁿjust, and good.

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is ^ospiritual: but I am carnal, ^psold under sin.

15 For that which I do I ^qallow not: for ^rwhat 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 ^sthe 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 ^tin me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but ^uhow to perform that which is good I find not.

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

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that,

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in our members.

when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For ^bI delight in the law of God after ^cthe inward man:

23 But I see another law in ^fmy members, ^gwarring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to ^hthe law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from ⁱthe body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the ^jlaw of God; but with the flesh the ^klaw of sin.

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^l Who are free from condemnation. ⁵, ¹³ What harm cometh of the flesh, ⁶, ¹⁴ and what good of the Spirit. ¹⁷ Of being God's children.

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who ^mwalk not after the ⁿflesh but after the ^oSpirit

2 For ^pthe law of ^qthe Spirit of life in Christ Jesus ^rhath made me free from ^sthe law of sin and death.

3 For ^twhat the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, ^uGod sending his own ^vSon in the likeness of sinful flesh, and ^wfor sin, condemned ^xsin in the flesh:

4 That ^ythe righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the ^zflesh but after the ^{aa}Spirit.

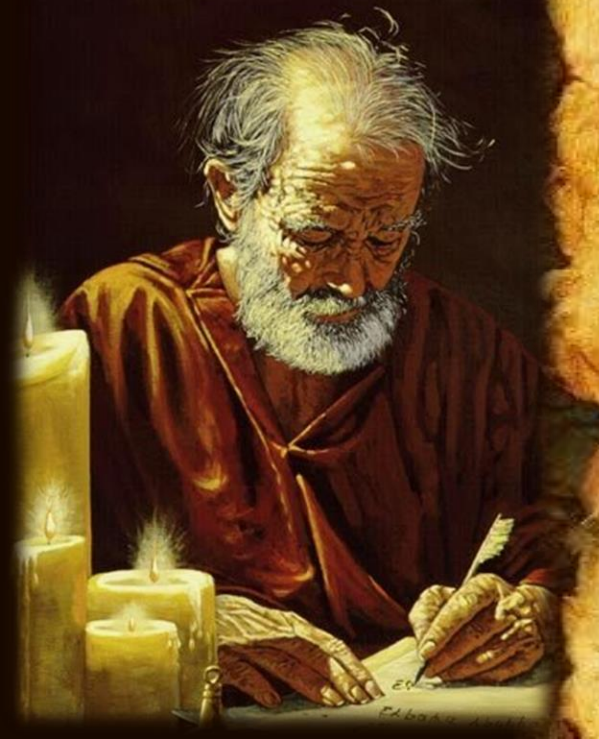
5 For ^{ab}they that are after the ^{ac}flesh do mind ^{ad}the things of the ^{ae}flesh: but they that are after the ^{af}Spirit ^{ag}the things of the ^{ah}Spirit

6 For ^{ai}to be ^{aj}carnally minded is ^{ak}death; but ^{al}to be ^{am}spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because ^{an}the ^{ao}carnal mind is ^{ap}enmity against God: for it is not subject to the ^{aq}law of God, ^{ar}neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the ^{as}flesh cannot ^{at}please God.

The Sacrifice of Christ Rom 8:3



What the law could not do

It is true that the law never promised eternal life **Rom 3:20**, **Gal 3:21**, but because of man's conduct, it couldn't even do what it was intended to do **Gal 3:24** (bring us to Christ that we might be justified by faith).

In that it was weak through the flesh

1. Man did not keep it **Ac 7:53, Rom 9:31**
2. He used it for self-righteousness **Rom 10:3**
3. Sin was provoked and became even worse **Rom 7:8-9**
4. So the law couldn't even teach man the way to life!

God sent his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh

Born of a woman **Gal 4:4** with our nature **Heb 2:14**

Sinful flesh = flesh of sin. Flesh is only called 'sinful' because it is full of impulses that lead to sin **Rom 7:5**.

And for sin

Margin = by a sacrifice for sin, a sin offering

Condemned sin

How? By his perfect obedience. In a similar manner, Noah condemned the world by building an ark **Heb 11:7**

In the flesh

By resisting sin on its own territory (in his body)

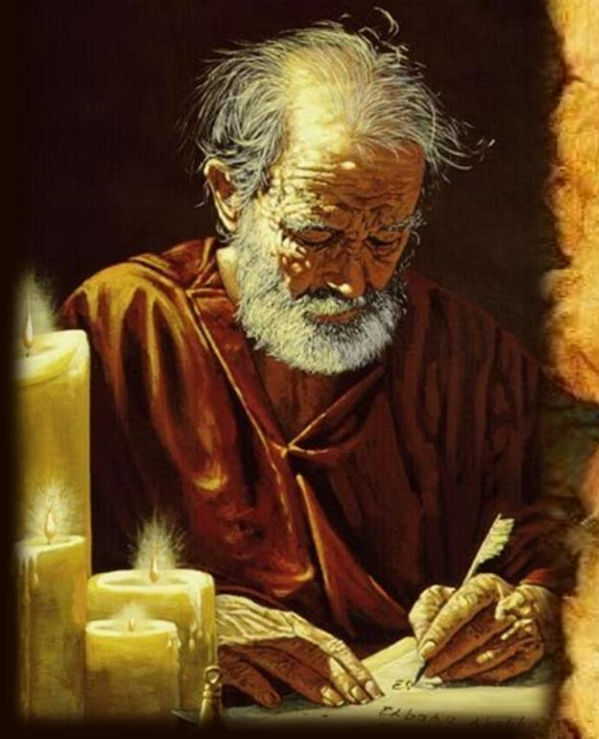
The Travail of Creation

For, behold, I create a new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isa 65:17

A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

Jn 16:21



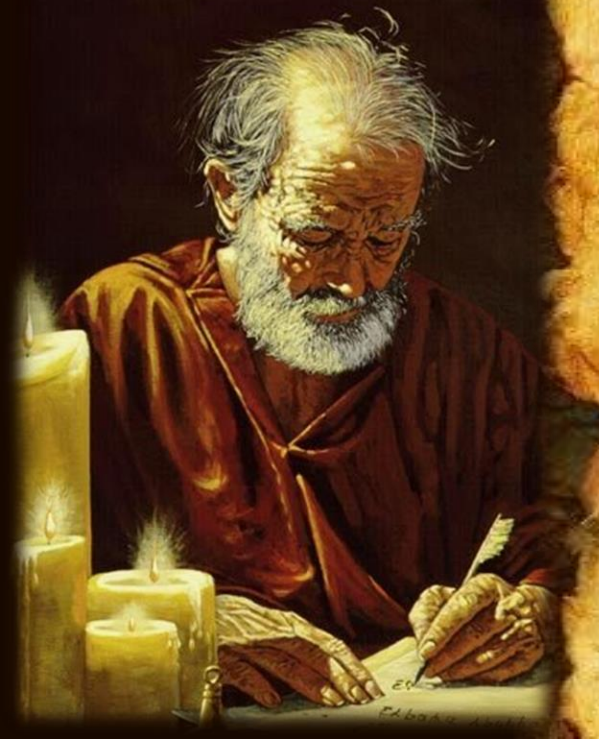
The Spirit

Now my soul is troubled; and what shall I say?
Father, save me from this hour: but for this
cause came I unto this hour **Jn 12:27**

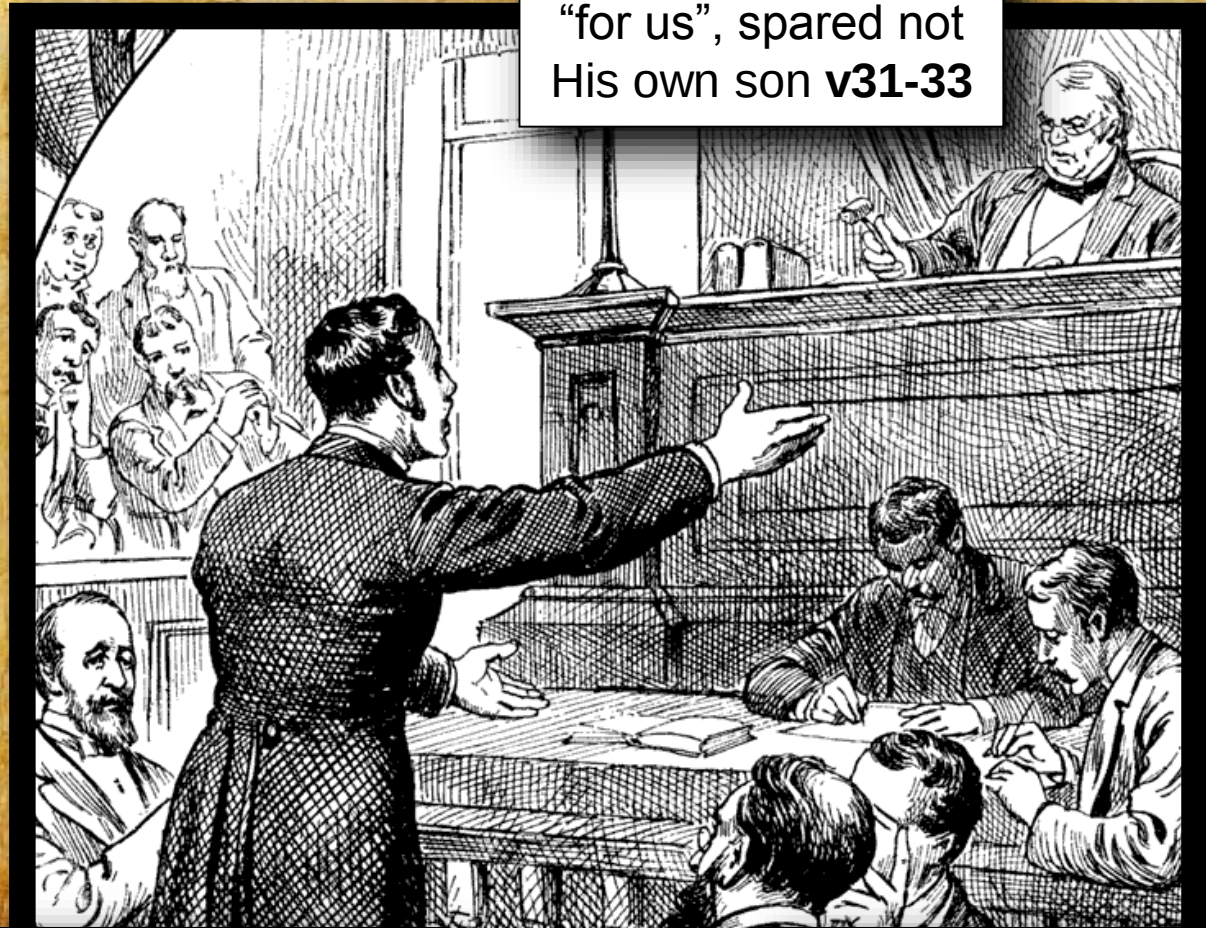
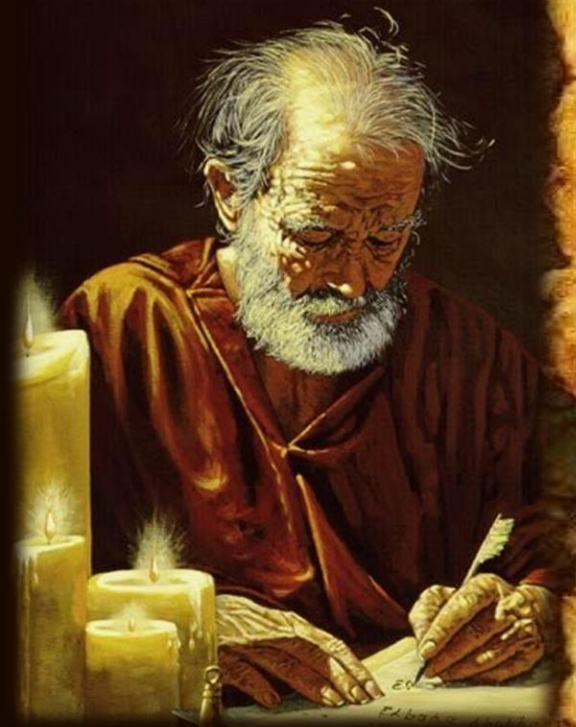
And he saith unto them, My soul is exceeding
sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.
And he went forward a little and fell on the
ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the
hour might pass from him.

And he said, Abba, Father, all things are
possible unto thee; take away this cup from me:
nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Mk 14:34-36



The Courtroom 8:31-39



Judge (God)

God that justifieth, is
“for us”, spared not
His own son v31-33

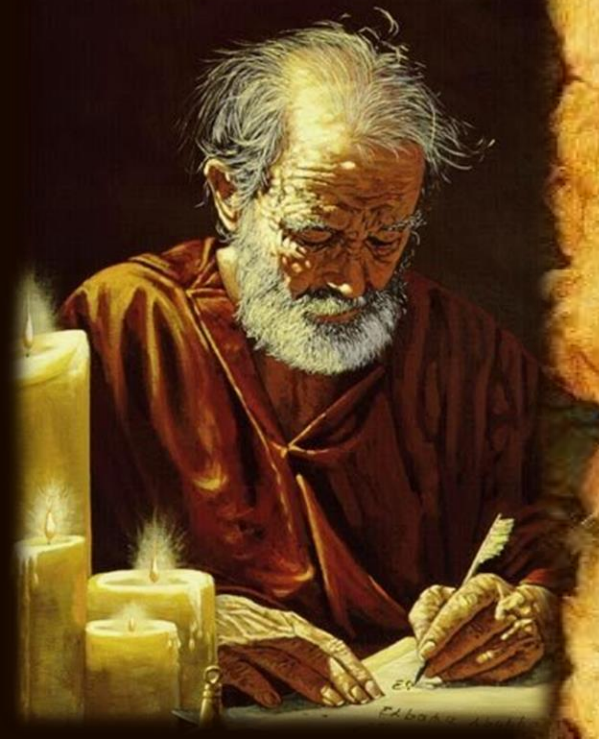
Defence (Christ)

Christ that died and
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Tribulation, distress,
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The R. Of God with Believers

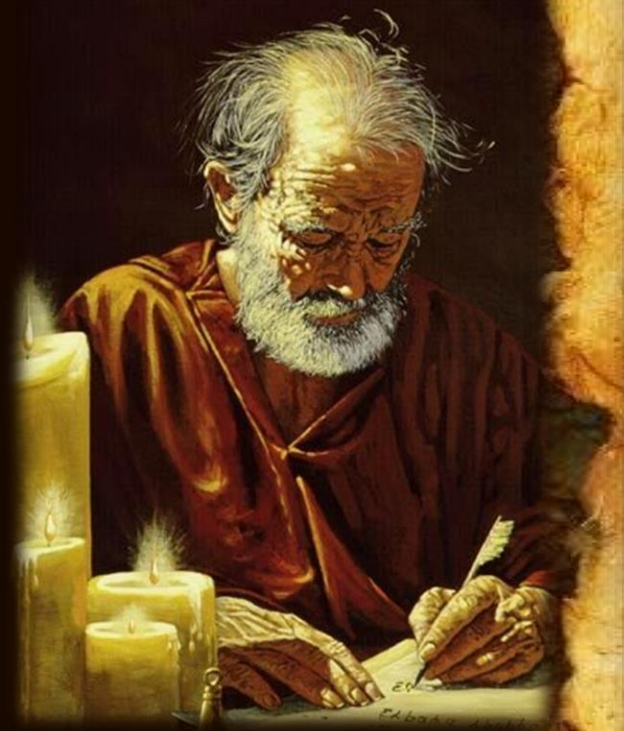


Having seen the true place of faith and Law in the redemption of mankind, a number of questions arise:

- (1) Shall we continue in sin so as to increase grace?
No! In Christ we die to sin and begin a new life.
- (2) Should we sin because we are no longer under law?
No! We now serve righteousness, not Sin. We are espoused to a new husband.
- (3) Is the Law (the cause of) sin because it identifies and inflames sin? No! The law is holy. Sin resists it, which proves the Law was not sinful.
- (4) Then has the Law killed man? No! There is another law within man that kills him. The Law simply showed man the impossibility of a sinless life.

But Christ has conquered where man could not. If we walk with the disposition of Christ, we become sons, and shall be saved as he was. But sin will try and prevent this, so suffering is inevitable. But, take courage, the suffering of the present does not compare to the glory of the future. What's more, God is on our side, Christ is our saviour and nothing in the world can separate us from God's desire to save us, except us!

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A: We live a new life, dead to sin

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A: Our old obligation died with our old husband

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Q: Has the Law brought Death to Man?

A: Man is inherently sinful. It is sin that kills

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Q: What shall we Say to these Things?

A: Nothing can sep us from God, but ourselves!