

## He Breaks the Power of Canceled Sin

### Romans 8:3-4

Overview of chapter 8 - Why the believer is safe in Christ:

- 1-4 Christ served our sentence, saving us from condemnation.
- 5-11 We have received the Spirit of Life, which is immortal.
- 12-17 We have been adopted by God, and become His heir.
- 18-27 We are sustained & comforted by the Spirit while enduring suffering & affliction in following Christ.
- 28-30 We gain confidence that we are the elect by the evidence of our own sanctification.
- 31-34 Our salvation is secured by the willing death of God's own Son on our behalf.
- 35-39 God's love for us is infinite and unchangeable, so that nothing ever can separate us from it.

The word *law* occurs 77 times in Romans (KJV), always translated from the same Greek word. It can mean:

1. a ruling power, or legislative authority
  - a. the Torah, the whole law of Moses - 3:21b
  - b. the ceremonial part of the law of Moses - 4:13
  - c. the legal part of the law of Moses - 2:12
  - d. the gospel - 1:5; 3:27; cf. II Corinthians 3:5-8
2. a directing, regulating or energizing power
  - a. the flesh - 7:23
  - b. the inner man - 7:23
  - c. the Spirit - 8:2

What could the Law (of Moses) not do?

Why not?

Who was sent to remedy this problem?

In what form was the Son sent?

Why, specifically, was the Son sent?

What did He accomplish?

What instrument did He use to do it?

What was the purpose of His accomplishment?

So, how is the Law fulfilled?

In whom is this purpose achieved?

*He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.*  
- Charles Wesley, "O for a Thousand Tongues"