

Though law did not have power to overcome sin, God's purpose was always to have a people who would obey His will.

Paul does not separate God's "*righteous requirements*" from the lifestyle of the Christian.

Believers are not left to live the Christian life in their own strength. The Holy Spirit lives in us and enables us to live in ways we could never experience by ourselves.

God provides—in Christ—the full completion of the law's demands and sends the Spirit into our lives to empower a new obedience to His will.

Christians are now directed by the Spirit—and not by the flesh.

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed.*

1 Peter 2:24



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THE GOSPEL OF GOD

The Son and the Spirit

Romans 8:3-4

*For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed,
a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,
just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

(Romans 1:17)

¹ *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those "in Christ Jesus"
because through Christ Jesus*

set me free from

*the law of
the Spirit of life*

*the law of
sin and death*

³ *For what the Law was powerless to do
in that it was weakened by the sinful nature ("flesh")*

God did—what people are unable to do.

³ **What the Law was powerless to do...**

God did

by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man (“sinful flesh”) **to be a sin offering.**

And so he condemned sin in sinful man... (“in the flesh”)

God sent His own son—to accomplish what the law could not do.

Christ fully embraced the human condition—but did not sin.

God sent His Son as a sin offering. (literally: “for sin”)

Christ... has appeared once for all... to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. (Hebrews 9:26)

Where is the “place” of sin being condemned?

God performed an act of judicial condemnation on sin in (the flesh of) Christ on the cross.

As our substitute, Christ “was made sin for us” and suffered the wrath of God’s judgment upon sin (in His body on the cross).

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement... He did this to demonstrate his justice... (Romans 3:25)

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us... (Galatians. 3:13)

God executed His judgment on sin in the death of His Son.

God’s purpose of grace in condemning sin is:

⁴ **in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us,**

How could God’s demands of righteousness be “fully met in us”?

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him

we might become the righteousness of God.

(2 Corinthians 5:21)

There is “**no condemnation**” for believers (vs. 1)—because “**in Christ**”—their sin has been “**condemned**.”

“Christ became what we are so we might become what Christ is.”

⁴ **in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us,**

who do not live according to the sinful nature

but

(who do live) according to the Spirit.