

Romans 8

A Practical Contrast of Two worlds in Conflict

Overview of Romans 8

Two worlds contrasted: **Spirit of Life**, versus **sin and death**

- Spiritual world is ruled by Yeshua, Who is under the authority of His Father. Our life is found in Him
- Fleshly world is slavery, fear, rebelliousness, disobedience. Death and sin are the its hallmarks.

Passing from death to Life. From one world to the next

In sin and death we are condemned. We die to G-d, we are liable to judgment.

Torah requires our death for disobedience

Rabbis: Penalty for breaking weightiest and lightest commandment is the same.

Paul. Penalty for rebellion is death. Torah requires judgment.

Death is the inevitable result of breaking Torah. From Adam until today.

In Yeshua we pass from judgment to life. Language is of Yom Kippur. Escape from the judgment into life.

The two worlds still are in conflict, in a practical sense. We are alive, so we need to stop listening to death. It is an active choice we must make. Yeshua enabled us, we must listen to the right voice.

Even the creation is subject to futility, and decay, and looks forward to redemption.

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Overview continued

The creation is used as an analogy to our situation.

- We are waiting to be revealed as B'nai Elohim, children of G-d.
- The creation in a similar way groans, waiting to be released.
- We wait in an analogous way, to be revealed, to be adopted, to be redeemed physically.
- It is a hope that we look for, unseen as yet.
- But we have G-d's Spirit to assist us in our travails.

We are chosen by Him, we are in the process of being:

- Chosen
- Conformed to His image
- Justified
- Glorified

We do not see all of these things today, this is our unseen hope.

We are not condemned, not accused, Yeshua intercedes (present tense) for us.

Nothing from the **outside**, no pain, tribulation, attacks, persecution cannot separate us.

Rather this is the lot of those who remain in the Life of Yeshua.

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Vs. 1-4. Paul contrasts in practical ways the two worlds: **Sin and death. Life in the Spirit.**

- Messiah has redeemed us from sin and death, and subject us to a new Law, of Life and the Spirit. The Torah feeds and propagates life in this world.
- Torah could not make us new creatures. In the old world it inflamed the rebellion.
- Messiah, through His sacrifice freed us.
 - Now we can walk in the commandments, since we are in the Spirit.
 - We have a new 'mind', heart, a new life that can be set on the Spirit of G-d.

Vs 5-9. The mind, the heart, is set on the Spirit of G-d when we are freed from slavery.

The flesh and the Spirit are contrasted

- Flesh cannot please G-d. Flesh is disobedient to the Torah. It cannot obey.
- The Spirit enables us to be obedient. We are friends with G-d, no longer hostile.

Vs. 6-17. Though we are in the Spirit and alive, we are in a dead, sinful body.

- The Spirit can even enable us to live today in obedience.
- We are under obligation to the Spirit, not to the flesh.
- We can live in either world now, but one brings death to the other, seemingly a process
- We are free from slavery, but the new servitude is one of children to the father.
- We can choose to be led by death, or by the Spirit of life. It is an ongoing choice.

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In Transition between two worlds

We are compared to the Creation. It, like us, awaits a complete transformation into the glory of Life and the Spirit.

Our transformation is also awaited. We groan, weighed down with the present, subjected to futility, to decay, and we await a future bodily as well as spiritual redemption.

- We are involved in the two worlds. Our bodies which are still subject to death, decay, are still part of the world of sin and death. We await this redemption also.
- Passages that parallel this two world conundrum:
 - [John 15:19](#); [John 17:16](#); [1 Cor 2:12](#); [1 Cor 5:10](#);
 - The two worlds of Tahor, Tamei of Torah. Sin and death, and the Spirit of Life

Vs 18-22. The Creation is an analogy for our dual nature.

- It awaits our revealing
- It is subjected to futility, to corruption, decay
- It groans and suffers like that of childbirth.
- It is in hope of freedom from its slavery.
- The freedom is in service of the children of G-d

Vs 23-28. We are compared to the creation

- We await an ultimate redemption
 - It is now a spiritual redemption
 - We are adopted, yet we await that adoption
 - We are weak, so G-d's Spirit strengthens us.

Romans 8 Finale

Nothing from the outside can separate us from G-d

Vs. 29-38

We have a sure hope, even though we cannot see it today. This is what faith is for.

- G-d is outside of time, He knows us from the creation
- We are to become conformed to His image (Yeshua)
 - It is both passive and active. Read [Rom 12:2](#); [Phil 3:10](#); [1 Pet 1:14](#); [Eph 4:24](#)
 - Because of Yeshua, our Judge, and Redeemer, there is no one to accuse us
 - We cannot be separated by anything of the world
 - Death
 - Persecution
 - Nakedness???
 - Danger, peril, sword, famine.

Yet, we are subject to all these things: See Ps 44:22; John 16:2, 2 Cor 4:11, Is 53:7

These things, which we likely will suffer in the world of sin and death, cannot separate us.

Is there ANYTHING that can separate us?

Yes and No.

Yes, we can choose to walk in death. We can choose to walk away from Him, and in doing so, we return, as it were, to the world of sin and death.

No, in that what Hashem begins, He promises to complete.

Both of these concepts are prominent in Scripture. It is a tension that the Scriptures do not resolve. And so we must accommodate both ends of the tension.