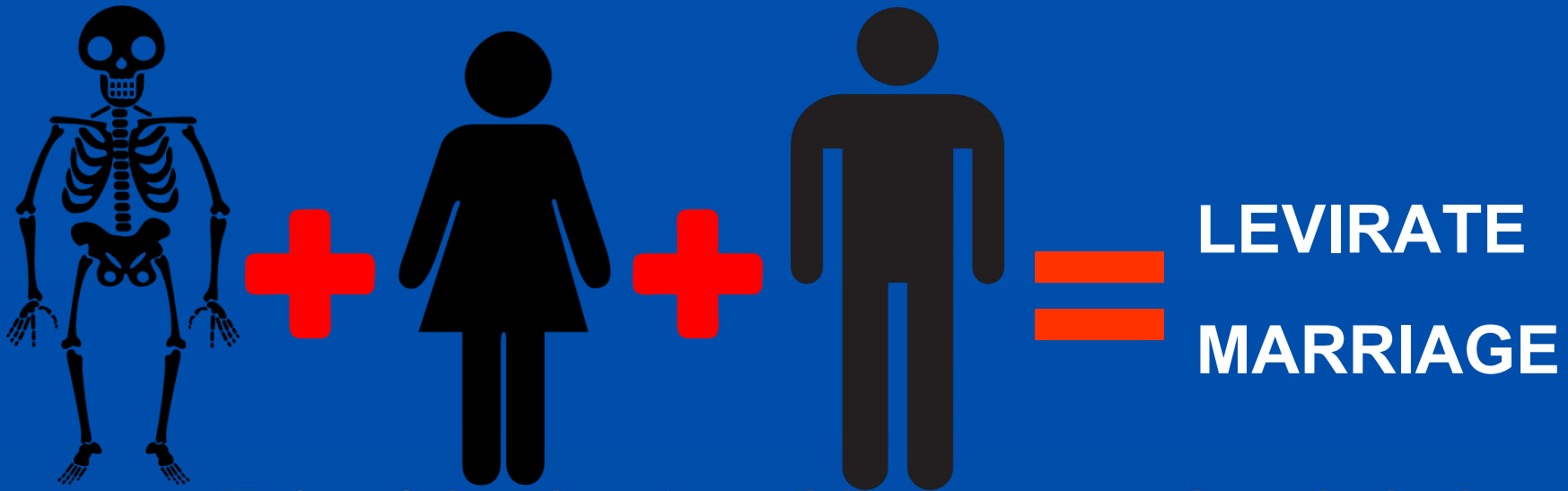


WIDOWS AND REMARRIAGE



- Romans 7:1 – 3 is about a widow remarrying; is being used as an illustration of “died to the law”
- The Torah does NOT address a widow remarrying except by Levirate marriage
- Paul is quoting *Halakhah* (Tradition), not a Law of Moses
- “The Law” = Jewish abbreviation of The Law of Moses

WHO OR WHAT DIED?



- “Died to The Law”
- Did The Law die? Or did the Believer die? The Law remains alive!
- The Believer had the change of “status”, not the Law
- Modern Christian view of sin: anything God doesn’t want me to do
- Sin DOES have a standard
- 1John 3:4
- Should we go on sinning because Christ paid the price? Heaven Forbid!

I FEEL A

SIN

COMING ON

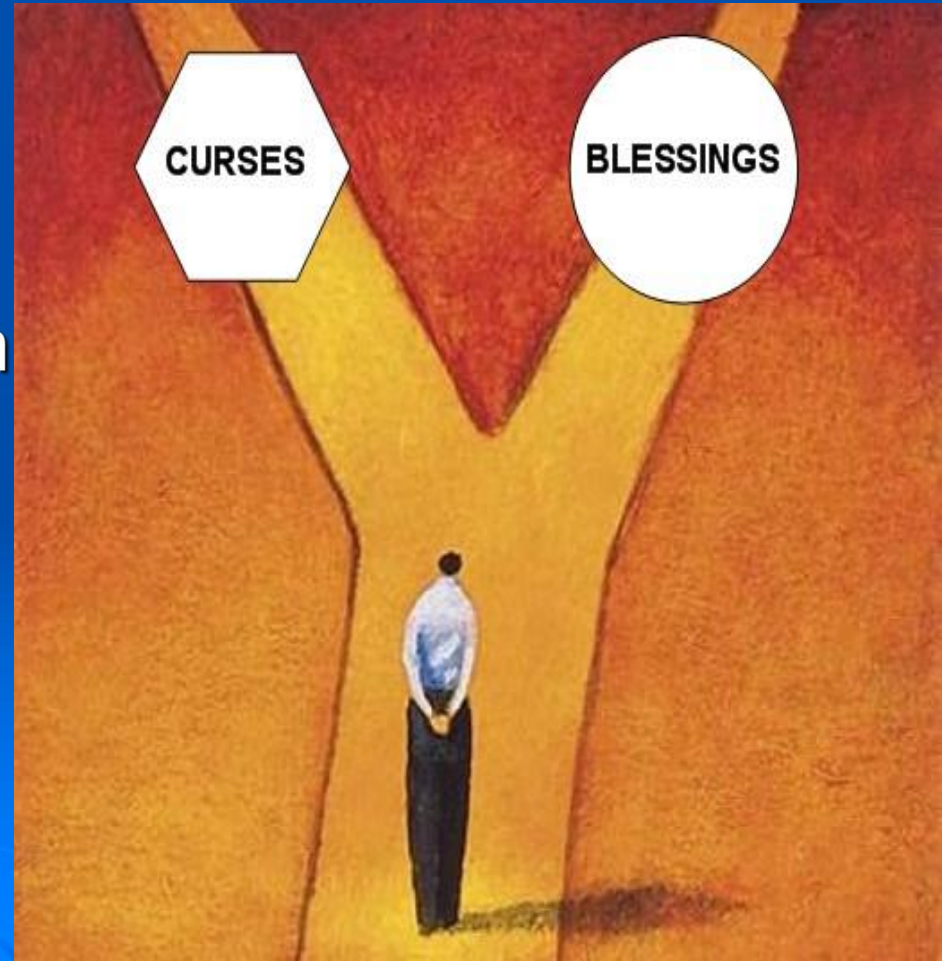
WAKE UP !!!

- You now KNOW what Scripture says about The Law
- You now KNOW that you don't have your own customized standard of sin
- Do you want to live in eternity as the LEAST in God's Kingdom because you refuse to obey or to alter your lifestyle to conform to God's standards?



THE CURSE OF THE LAW IS DEATH

- Romans 7:6 alludes to fulfilled prophecy
- Jeremiah 31:30 – 32
- Law consists of two parts: Blessings for obedience, Curses for disobedience
- We are NOT released from the Blessings of the Law
- But we ARE released from the Curses of the Law
- Curses = condemnation = death



THE *Spirit* OF THE Law

- Spirit of the Law is over and against the Letter of the Law
- Spirit = acting within the God-principle behind each Law
- Letter = rigid, mechanical, technical, ignoring the underlying God principles
- Yeshua spoke about the Spirit of the Law in His Sermon On the Mount
- “Going BACK to the Law”? ONLY Believers are equipped to properly know and carry out The Law

DID GOD CREATE A FAILED COVENANT ?

- Was the Torah born defective?
- Did it have to be replaced with a new and better one?
- Did God promise life and security to Israel, but all it led to was sin?
- Deut. 30:10 – 20
- Did the Lord pull a bait-and-switch on His Believers?
- If God would do this, why should we believe He wouldn't do it again?



IS GOD'S SOLUTION: NO MORE LAWS ??



- Nowhere does Deuteronomy or the Torah say that its sole purpose is to show us what sin is
- Standard way Paul speaks: he highlights certain aspects of his subject
- The Law has been exploited by sin for its own wicked purposes
- No laws = no crimes = no criminals
- The Law is holy, just and good
- The problem is NOT with The Law, the problem is with those who disobey The Law

SPIRITUAL SCHIZOPHRENIA



- Paul's straw man says that somehow over time The Law went from good and pure to corruption and death
- Paul responds: Heaven Forbid !!
- Believers hanging suspended between Christ's death and His resurrection, as living ironies
- We are changed....but not entirely
- We are holy....but not entirely
- We have God's Spirit in us, but we also house the evil inclination



- **Nomos** (law) appears numerous times with several different meanings
- In verse 21 “law” is a general word indicating a metaphor (laying down the law)
- Paul’s “inner self” is his regenerated mind
- This part of him loves God’s Torah and The Law
- His “other parts” operate based on sin’s laws

A study of The Law

That God Gave Through Moses

- ◆ The Ten Commandments, the heart of the Law, is found in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:1-22

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NO OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME

II THOU SHALT NOT
MAKE UNTO THEE
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE

III THOU SHALT NOT
TAKE THE NAME
OF THE LORD THY
GOD IN VAIN

IV REMEMBER THE
SABBATH DAY,
TO KEEP IT HOLY

V HONOUR THY FATHER
AND THY MOTHER

VI THOU SHALT
NOT KILL

VII THOU SHALT NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY

VIII THOU SHALT
NOT STEAL

IX THOU SHALT NOT
BEAR FALSE
WITNESS AGAINST
THY NEIGHBOUR

X THOU SHALT
NOT COVET

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- The Law of Moses is woven throughout the Book of Romans
- The Law is the Rosetta Stone to understand Yeshua and the New Testament
- Paul realizes his predicament: some solved by Christ, some in progress
- Paul: "What a miserable creature I am !"
- The condition of the Believer:
 - 1) Inner mind given over to God and His Laws
 - 2) Other parts follow sin's law and so we stumble