## How Does The Law of Life Work in us?

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death..." (Romans 8:1-4).

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2).

We have the privilege to enforce, upon Satan, the claims that God has given us. For, God has a law, and His Word is a law, and God in this Word made certain claims to the Church. Therefore, we have a right to force these claims upon Satan, say, "Give it back," and he has to do it. Because, we can take God's Agent, the Holy Spirit, go right down on our knees, and say, "It's THUS SAITH THE LORD." He's got to give it up, that's all, 'cause the Holy Spirit is there to make him do it.

The law of the land is to enforce. It's by the land, for the land. But the law of the Spirit of God is to force Satan to give up that which he has unrightfully, deceitfully taken from God. Souls of men, he took from God; souls of women, children. Sickness of the body, he placed upon people. Where, God made them in His image, to be like Him, and the Church is given the rightful legal rights, by the Bible, to take the Holy Spirit and enforce this upon them.

Now, there's the law. Now, the One that's here to enforce that law is the Holy Spirit. How about people who don't believe in the Holy Spirit, would reject Him? See? You're rejecting your own peace and mercy.

And if Satan has robbed you of the privilege of being a son or a daughter of God, we have a right by the Holy Spirit, to enforce the claim of God. "Bring them back."

If he's afflicted you, and made you sick, we have a right before God to enforce the laws of God. "By His stripes we are healed." (I Peter 2:24). Amen. "Bring him back. Turn him loose. You're taking him out here, under death, and we claim him. Bring him back now."

That's the enforcement; restore it back to its natural condition again. A man is sick; baby is sick; woman is sick. They're out of their natural condition. Then we have a right to enforce our claim. Not our claim. It's our claim because God has given it to us. "By His stripes we were healed.

He was wounded for our transgression. With His stripes we were healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5). Now we have a right to enforce that law. And the law-giver, the Holy Spirit, Himself, is here, the Agent of God, to see that it's done that way. Amen.

Now, the only way He can work, is when you let Him work. See? You've got to believe it. There's a law. There's a law given amongst everything.

You know, a fish has a law. And that fish can stand up here in water, and he has a law within him. If he'll just let go of that law that's in him, he can sink plumb to the bottom of the sea. Won't bother him a bit. Won't break one cell. You try to do it. That law is not in you. You can't do it, but the fish can. He deflates himself with that air, such a way that he can. There's nothing in him to burst open. And he's made that way. He knows it. And he can enforce that law, to take him plumb to the bottom of sea, and then raise him back up again.

There was a law in Christ. That law is in men. You can bury him to the deepest grave, or the deepest sea, or the lowest hell. There's a law, of the Spirit of God, that will raise him up again (I Cor. 15:35-58).

A bird has a law. Now, its body is material. It's earthbound, sets on the earth here. But it has a law within it, that, the way it spreads its wings, it can fly plumb out of sight. That's against science. They claim it's earthbound; gravitation has to hold it here. But it can defy gravitation, lift itself right off of it and go right on out, because it has to put that law that's in it to work. And it's built to possess that law.

Now, we have a law, the law of the Life in us. Only thing you have to do... You are made, and born, and placed here in the Body of Christ, as sons and daughters of God (I Cor. 12:13). You don't have to knuck' down to the Devil. We've got a law. That's the law of the Holy Spirit. The only thing you know, have to do, is know how to let go and let God. You keep fighting at it, and it won't never work. When, you let go and let God, that's all.

If the fish said, "Wait, I'll catch my breath real good. I'll breathe up a little oxygen in me, and I'll see if I can go down." No. He does that, he'll burst open.

The bird says, "I'll see how fast I can run down here, and maybe I'll take off." No. He won't do it. He'll fall down. See? **He's got to know how to control, how that law can control him.** 

And the same way it is with us. It isn't what we fight, and pull, and hurry, and, "Oh, if I don't get this, if I don't get that." That's not it. Is to know that the law of Life is in you, and you just let go and let God. Then He takes you to your healing, takes you to the baptism of the Spirit, or

anything that He's promised. Any claim that He's given is yours, and by letting go and letting God...

That's the way you do. Let Satan just get away, all the doubts and everything flee from your mind, then God will raise you up (James 1:6-8).

God has set all of His laws to serve Him, both natural and spiritual, working according to His Word, regardless of the conditions. I love that. I have a Scripture here on that. Yes. God sets all of His laws in motion. Think of it. Let it soak in now, 'cause we're coming to a healing service in a few minutes. See? God set all of His laws in a motion, that it must work according to His Own Word. Are you getting it? His Word! His laws have to work according to His Word. He commanded the sun. He commanded the moon. He commanded the earth. He commanded nature. And they all fall right in line, and all the laws work in harmony with God's spoken Word. And the law of Life that's in us will also bring us to a resurrection. It's got to. It's impossible for it not.

That's the reason, the law of Life that was in Christ. When the Word was spoken, and said, "I'll not suffer My Holy One to see corruption, neither will I leave His soul in hell" (Psalm 16:8-10), there wasn't enough time, there wasn't enough devils, there wasn't enough anything, to keep Christ in that grave till His body begin to rot, because the law of God would bring the Word to pass. And the law of God, by the Holy Spirit, brings any promise to pass, regardless of the conditions.

Job said, "Though the skin worms destroy my body, yet in my flesh I'll see God." (Job 19:25-26).

Regardless of how little we are, how low we are, how impure we are, how unholy we are, how sick we are, how afflicted we are; the law of God's Spirit, by His Word, makes it obey Him, forces the issue, says, "Give it back." Amen. Oh, if we could just think of that for a minute. Forces it, regardless of conditions. No matter what the condition is, the law of God's Word forces the condition to cope with His Word. See? It's got to.

No matter, regardless of conditions, you're going to meet God, somewhere. You've got to come to Him. You've got to meet Him.

Because, He has spoken a Word, and put a law with that Word. And the law is His Own law, His Own Life, behind It. That's the reason He swore by Himself; there's none greater. See? He had to take an oath, 'cause no covenant should be confirmed without an oath. And the only way that He could, before He did; take it by Himself, and Himself become the Oath. When, God became man and was the Oath, made Himself the Oath (Gen. 22:15-18; Heb. 6:13-20).

And by His Own death, burial, and resurrection, He proved His laws were right. Said, "You destroy this building, I'll raise it up again in three days."

(John 2:19-21). "I," personal pronoun, "I'll raise it up again in three days. I'll bring it up. Just destroy it, and see what happens." For, He knew the law of God. He knew what it was. He knew it had to work according to the Word. He knew that the Word of God had been spoken through a prophet, and said, "I'll not suffer my Holy One to see corruption" (Acts 2:26-27). That settled it. That settled it.

Then, the law of God has got to work by that Word. We're coming down to a great thing in a minute. See? Where, the law of God's Word, the Law of God, is with His Word.

Now, if the court writes out a word, "It is certain-certain thing, a penalty, to do so-and-so." All right. Now, that's the word of the court, and the law of the court enforces the word of the court.

And God speaks something, and that is a law. And the Holy Spirit is here to enforce that law, amen, for the believer. You have to be ordained to do so, and it takes a believer. You got to have the badge of "believer." [1]

And that's the law that Christians must live by. Is not what we do ourself, but what He has done for us. Christ has already been sacrificed. Not, "He will be." He has been! It's a finished product. He lived, died, rose again, ascended to Heaven, has come back in the form of the Holy Ghost (John 16:12-13). So, it's a finished work, with God. Christ, knowing no sin, became my sin; that I might stand in His place, He took my place (II Cor. 5:21). I was in Him, at Calvary, when He died (Rom. 6:6). There I must die with Him, to live. Because the law of sin and death is in the body, you have to die, to be reconciled to Him (John 12:24-25; Rom. 7:18-25).

Deuteronomy being a Greek word meaning "two laws". And God has two laws.

And one of them **is the law of death, to be disobedient to His Word.** We find that, when Eve disobeyed His Word, **it brought death.** That's one of His laws, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." (Gen. 2:15-17).

And then He has another law, which is the law of Life, to obedience, if you don't do such a things. Why, keeping His Word, you'll live (*Prov. 1:33; John 8:51; 5:24*).

It boils down to two things, to my way of thinking, that's, either keeping His Word or disobeying His Word.

One of these laws was given at Mount Sinai (Exod. 19:16-25; 20:1-21). That's the law of death. The other law was given at Mount Calvary, where the law of Life was given, through Christ Jesus (John 19:17-42). He also has two covenants. [2]

And that's just what God has, two different laws. And one of them is a law of death, and the other one is a law of Life. God has two laws. To follow Him, and serve Him and worship Him, is Life; to reject It is death. There are two laws in God.

Now, one of those laws was made recognized to the world, at Mount Sinai (Exod. 20:1-17). God gave the law to Moses and Israel. Not that the law could help them, but **the law only pointed out to them that they were sinners** (Rom. 7:7-17). Until that time, they didn't know what sin was, till they had a law. There cannot be a law without a penalty. A law is not a law, without penalty. So, therefore, "The transgression of the law is sin, and the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). So therefore, until God made them a law, there was no transgression reckoned to them. If there's no law here that says you can't run over twenty miles an hour, then you could run over twenty miles an hour. But when there's a law says you can't do it, then there's a law and a penalty behind it.

Now, the law of death, was the commandments given on Mount Sinai, which told man that he was a sinner. And, to transgress God's law, he died (Ezek. 18:20). But there's no salvation in the law. It was only a policeman that could put you in jail; it had nothing to bring you out with.

But then He gave another law, that was at Mount Calvary (John 19:17-30), where sin was reckoned in Jesus Christ, and there the penalty was paid (Isaiah 53:5-6; II Cor. 5:18-19). Without law, "but by grace you are saved" (Eph. 2:8-9), by the grace of God, through predestination of God's foreknowledge of your being. [3]

The Christian, the church, what I'm talking to, that law of God is in your heart (Heb. 8:10-13; 10:15-18). You have no desire to sin (Heb. 10:1-2). It's inside here. You want to keep God's law so perfect. No matter what it is, you want to be just what... If God needs a doormat at the door, He wants you to be that doormat, you're so happy to be that. No matter what it would be, you want to be the doormat. See? Whatever God wants you to do, that's what you want to do, 'cause it's God. Now, that's where you really find your real, genuine, true love for God (Rom. 5:5). [4]

Sometime ago, I was over at a little city in Arkansas. They have a terrible segregation in Arkansas. And I'd been into a little church, and the policeman helped me in and out. And I was coming out of the church, and I could hear someone saying, "Mercy, mercy."

I thought, "Where is that coming from?"

And I looked over to my left. Standing over to one side stood a Negro man, way out from the white people. He had his little old cap in his hand, hollering, "Mercy, mercy."

And something struck me, "That man wants to talk to me."

And I said to the policeman, "I want to go over and see that man."

"Oh," he said, "Mr. Branham, you can't do that; you'd start trouble here in Arkansas. We just can't let you do that."

## I said, "But the Holy Spirit's telling me to go."

He said, "Well, Brother Branham, you'll start a race riot. All these white people here to be prayed for, and you go over there to that colored man..."

I said, "I can't help what kind of laws you got. I follow a law and that law is a law of the Spirit."

And he said, "Go to that man."

And I just pulled loose from him and I went over there. And I heard his wife say, "Be of a good courage, honey, the parson is coming."

And I got over there; I said, "How do you do?"

He had his hands out like this. And he said, "Is dis you, Parson Branham?"

And I said, "Yes, sir, it is."

He put his hands on my face. He said, "You's a younga man than I thought you was," him blind. "Has you got just a minute, I want to tell you sompin'?"

I said, "Yes, brother. I got as much time as you want to talk."

He said, "I's been a Christian since I was a little boy. And my old mammy, she's been gone for years..." And said, "I's been blind now for several years. I got cataracts on my eyes. The doctor man said he couldn't take them off. They done wrapped around the optical nerve, and he couldn't take them off. I never heard of you in my life, Parson Branham. But last night about nine o'clock I went to bed, I dreamed I saw my old mammy come up to my bedside. And she said to me, 'Honey, rise up and put on your clothes, and go down to a city called Moahart. And have Brother Branham to pray for you; you're going to get your sight."

He says, "Do you believes that, Brother Branham?"

I said, "I believe it with all my heart."

He said, "My old mammy never told me a lie in her life. And I got up and put on my clothes. And my wife helped me to the bus station. And we's went over to the auditorium, and they told us you were here. And we come over here, and been standing here," and it raining as hard as it could rain.

I looked at him. I put my arms around him, and I said, "Lord God, I don't know, but somehow he's certain. And I'm certain that you let his old mammy come to him in a dream to tell him that he was going to get his sight. And he's

so sure that he's going to get his sight, Lord God, let it be now." And I no more than said that, and he started batting his eyes.

He said, "Thank you, Lawd."

And I said, "Can you see, uncle?"

And he said, "Sure I can see. I knowed I was going to see."

And his wife said, "Honey, can you really see?"

Said, "Sure, you see that red car setting there? Sure I can see."

A great scream went up from everywhere, and the people glorified God. What was it? He was certain that God had spoken to him in that dream. And if God's certain by a dream, how much more certain is He by His Word? Be certain. Hold on to it. God will bring it to pass. [5]

If there wasn't a law to the power of the resurrection, sons and daughters of God would create them a world out here and go live a private life on it. You have the power in you to do it. If you've got a shadow of the power of God in you, you got power to do it. God is omnipotent. See what I mean? The power that's in you will make... You could speak a world into existence and go live on it. Hallelujah. There you are.

That's what power is in the Church now, but it is controlled by a law (Eph. 3:20-21). And that law is not keeping a bunch of commandments. It's a law of faith. Jesus said, "All things are possible to them that believe." (Mark 11:22-24). And if you can believe it, whatever God will lead your soul to believe, that is yours. Every place the soles of your foot can set upon by faith (Joshua 1:3), God gives it to you. Amen. It's yours; you possess it, if you can find the key to this law of faith that opens it to you. You see what I mean? That power is controlled by... If you are a son of God, you are a daughter of God, that never leaves you. It's with you all the time. But your faith gets away from It, but It's still there. Hallelujah.

When you are saved, God gives you faith to rise from the muck of the earth. Your faith overcomes the things of the world (I John 5:4-5). What is your faith? Your faith is that act that God has did in you to make you a son of God. You quit your lying, you quit your stealing, you quit your drinking, because your faith rises you up above it. Amen. If you don't do it, you don't have any faith. "And by faith are you saved, and that through grace" (Eph. 2:8-9).

As much as your faith will be released, that's how much power you can have, because in you dwells the power to make heavens and earth. God dwells in you, and you are sons and daughters of God. Amen. There you are. But it's your faith. Jesus said, "According to your faith, be it unto you. If thou canst believe, all things are possible. Verily, I say unto you, if

you say unto this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt, but believe that what you have said..." (Mark 11:22-23).

Then what kind of people ought we to be, having faith in this great redeeming Christ that lives in us, this smitten Rock that never leaves the church? "I am with you always, even to the end of the world," the ever-Presence of the great gusher of salvation and power that poured forth from Calvary into the church, the ever-Presence of the living God, great flowing, smitten Rock that goes with us in our journey. [6]

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[Bro. Branham in "Conduct-Order-Doctrine", page 724]