

Deliverance

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**Romans
7:19.24**

For I do not
practise the good
that I will; but the
evil I do not will,
that I do.

O wretched man
that I am ! who
shall deliver
me...?"

Romans 6:10

For in that he has died,
he has died to sin once
for all; but in that he
lives, he lives to God.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have
dominion over *you*,
for ye are not under law
but under grace.

DELIVERANCE

Is it real?

A contradiction?

Doctrine and
experience





No lack of
“solutions”...

“Try harder –
make a real
effort”

Over time,
things will
quieten down..

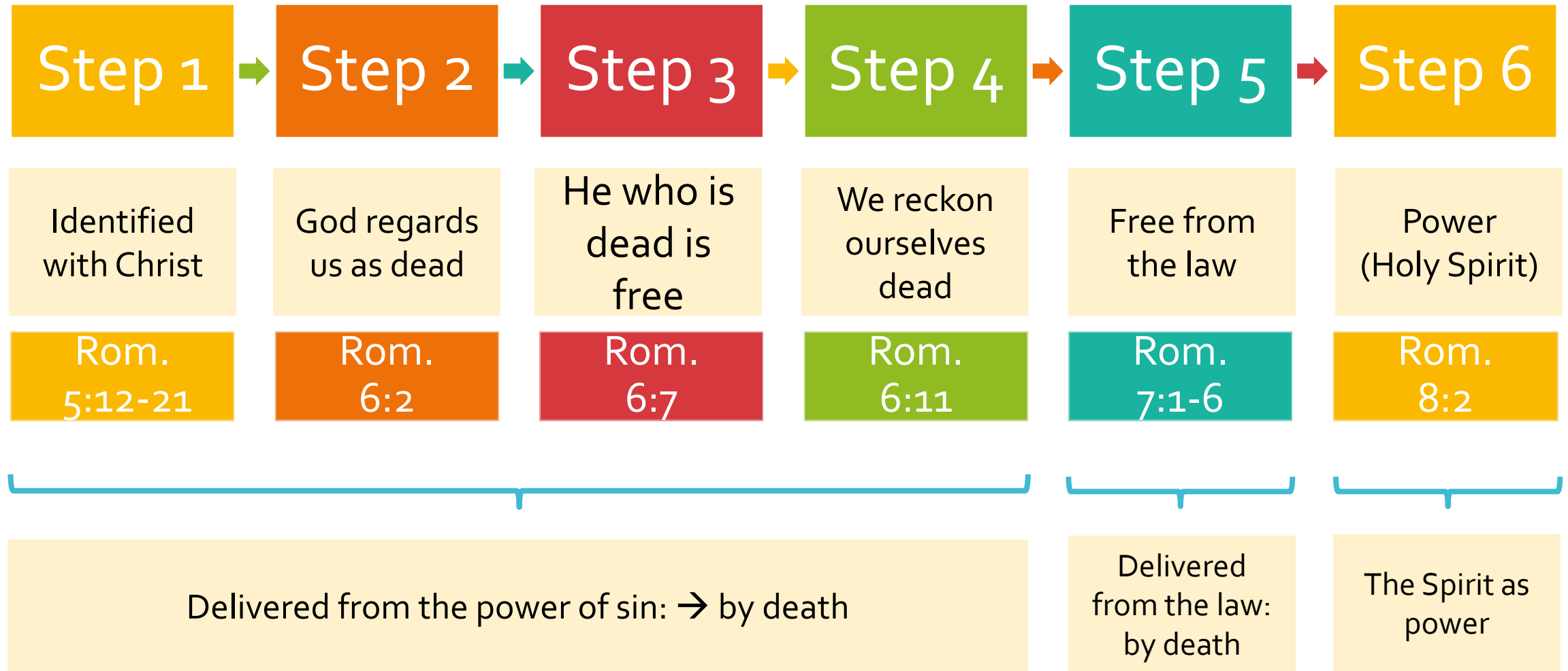
Don't be overly
righteous

Just don't feed
your old
nature...

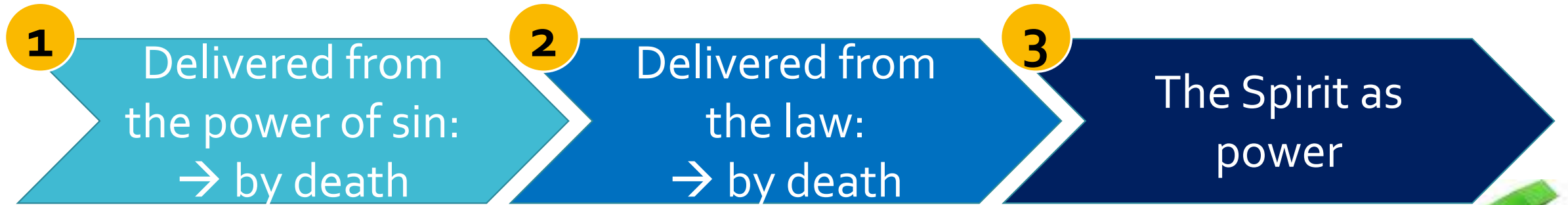
You only have a
new nature –
what you do is
good!



The Doctrine of Deliverance: 6 logical Steps



The Doctrine of Deliverance: Summary



Romans 7...

Romans 7:1-6

Are ye ignorant, brethren, (for I speak to those knowing law,) that law rules over a man as long as he lives?

For the married woman is bound by law to her husband so long as he is alive; but if the husband should die, she is clear from the law of the husband:

so then, the husband being alive, she shall be called an adulteress if she be to another man; but if the husband should die, she is free from the law, so as not to be an adulteress, though she be to another man.

So that... ye also have been made dead to the law by the body of the Christ, to be to another, who has been raised up from among *the* dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.

Conclusion...

...but now we are clear from the law,
having died ...,
so that we should serve in newness of spirit,
and not in oldness of letter.
Rom 7:6

The Doctrine of Deliverance: Summary

The doctrine is simple

- We are dead
- This is true – because God said so
- As we are dead we must be free
 - From sin
 - From the law.

But ...



Our problem lies in the practice of deliverance

Our experience appears to tell a different story

We don't feel dead as to sin

We react to provocation and temptation

If we try to break this cycle in our own strength...
...only one thing is certain: we will fail !

Romans 7:7-25
is a (necessary
?) detour





Romans 7...

Romans 7 deals with this problem

What shall we say then? *is* the law sin? Far be the thought. But I had not known sin, unless by law... (Rom 7:7)

...but sin, getting a point of attack by the commandment, wrought in me every lust; for without law sin *was* dead (Rom 7:8)

But I was alive without law once; but the commandment having come, sin revived, but I died... (Rom. 7:9)



Romans 7...

Romans 7 describes a struggle

“For that which I do, I do not own: for not what I will, this I do; but what I hate, this I practice” (**Rom 7:15**).

“But if what I do not will, this I practise, I consent to the law that *it is* right. ” (**Rom 7:16**).

“For I do not practise the good that I will; but the evil I do not will, that I do. ” (**Rom 7:19**).

Romans 7...

Romans 7 is about experience

Paul writes as "I"

- Not: speaking about his own experience, but:
- The passage deals with personal experience

Who is "I"?

- Paul? → No !
- An unbeliever? → No !
- A normal believer? → No !
- But: → a person who has been born again but tries to please the Lord in his own strength

The situation and the discovery

- The law is good
- But
 - He or she cannot keep it
 - He does that which he does not want
- How can I escape from this dilemma?
- The “I” learns 7 points

The “I” of Romans 7 discovers 7 points

Point 1

- Neither the law, nor legalism, nor a legal attitude can help me to please the Lord
- It can only point out my sins (Rom 7:7ff.).

“Sin, getting a point of attack by the commandment, wrought in me every lust; for without law sin *was* dead”
(Rom. 7:8).

The “I” of Romans 7 discovers 7 points

Point 2

- If I try to please the Lord in my own strength I will always fail!

“for not what I will, this I do; but what I hate, this I practice”
(Rom. 7:15; cf. v.16.19).

The “I” of Romans 7 discovers 7 points

Point 3

- God is only right if He condemns me

“So that the law indeed is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good”.

(Rom. 7:12).

The “I” of Romans 7 discovers 7 points

Point 4

- It is not I who commits the sins but it is “sin in me” – this engine only capable of sinning
- I have two natures: the old one and a new one
- I identify with the new

“Now then it is no longer
I that do it, but the sin
that dwells in me”.
(Rom. 7:17).

The “I” of Romans 7 discovers 7 points

Point 5

- In my flesh – i.e. in what I am naturally – NO GOOD DWELLS

“For I know that in me,
that is, in my flesh, good
does not dwell”.
(Rom. 7:18).

The “I” of Romans 7 discovers 7 points

Point 6

- I have no power to “deliver myself”
- I need a deliverer from outside

“O wretched man that I am ! who shall deliver me out of this body of death?”

(Rom. 7:24).



The “I” of Romans 7 discovers 7 points

Point 7

- I am in a completely new position before God: in Christ Jesus
- God loves me. Even though I still have sin.
- He has already judged my sinful nature (on the cross).
- Now I can live in the power of the Spirit

“There is then now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus.”

(Rom. 8:1).

“God has condemned sin in the flesh”

(Rom. 8:3).

“...in us, who do not walk according to flesh but according to Spirit. ”

(Rom. 8:4).

How long does Romans 7 „take“?

Some learn the lesson quickly – others take years to learn it

Some might accept the full gospel of salvation when they hear it

The important thing is not how long it takes – but to make sure you „arrive“ in Romans 8

- It's not about our own strength
- It's about living in the power of the Spirit (8:4).

False Expectations

- The old nature will improve
- The old nature will weaken
- We will lose the old nature
- We can tame the old nature
- We can rely on our feelings



Reckon
yourself dead

Illustration:



A new master







A life of liberty