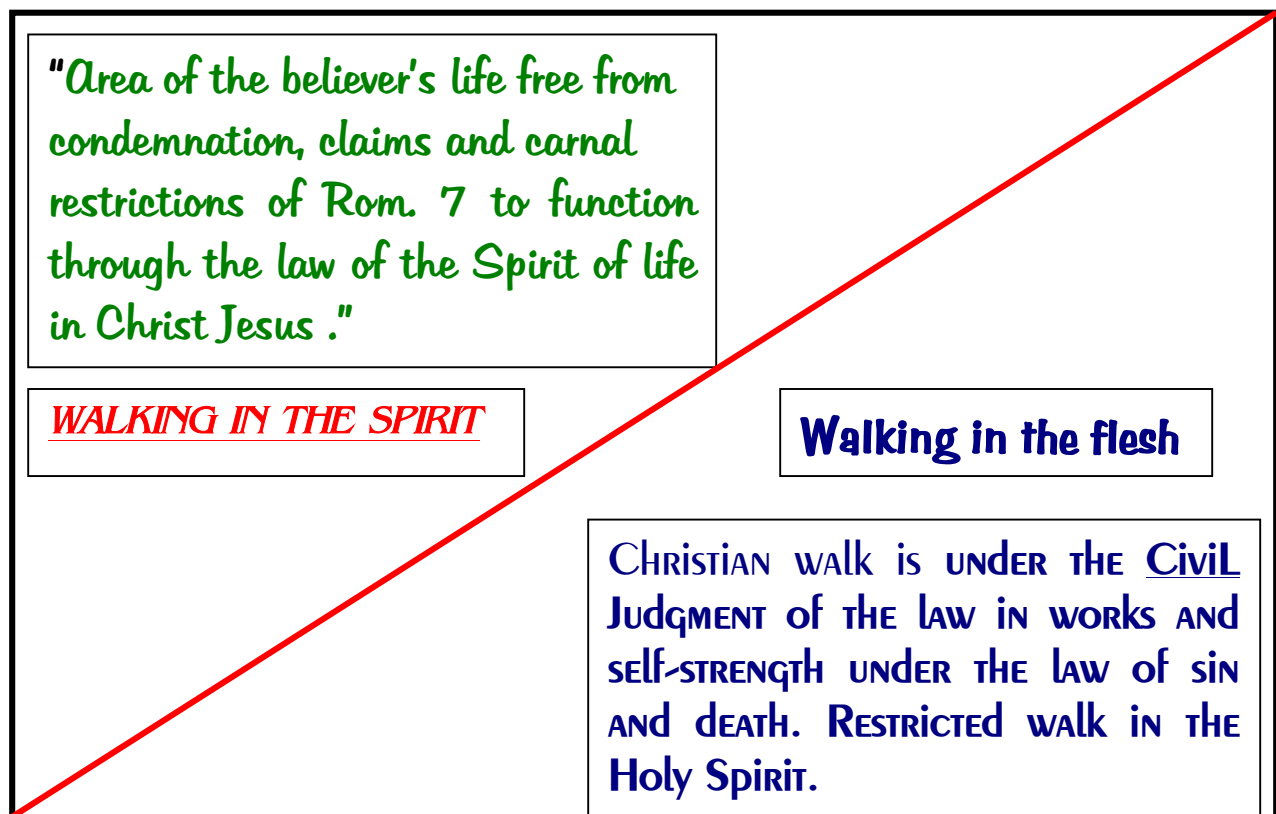


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### Romans 8:1



**THE CAUSE OF DOUBLE MINDED CHRISTIANITY-  
PARTLY IN THE LAW OF SPIRIT, PARTLY UNDER LAW,  
JAM. 1:8**

# **Toward a more complete interpretation of condemnation in Romans 8:1-2**

**Rom 7:6** But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

**Rom 7:14** For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

**Rom 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation (Gr. katakrima) to them which are in Christ Jesus, (condition or requirement=) who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

The word Condemnation (Greek word Katakrima) is a civil judgment not a criminal judgment of which we are freed through faith in the atonement of Christ. The civil application of the Greek word katakrima means disability, claim, lean, upon the property that is not covered by a full payment. If this is refused to be paid the property is claimed back through civil legalities.

Only when the believer walks in the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus are we fully covered released from the restrictions or claims on our lives.

The late Australian Archbishop Harrington C. Lees, (1870-1929) found an illuminating suggestion in the Greek papyri in the early years of 1900. The word "condemnation" was found to be a civil term and not a criminal term.

This makes the difference with either condemned to prison to be permanently locked up as a criminal or being restricted according to the civil law.

The wonderful provision of redemption in Christ through faith in His sacrifice for us maintains our spiritual relationship with God. Although our horizontal expression is hampered, restricted through the hopefully temporarily restriction of the flesh nature. Repentance and renouncing of the flesh will restore us to a walk of rejoicing in Christ again.