

Romans Series

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The Epistle to the ROMANS

The Flesh vs. the Spirit Romans 8:3–11



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The relative clause defines further “those who are in Christ,” who do not have condemnation as those who are also walking according to the Holy Spirit.

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LN: To judge someone as definitely guilty and thus subject to punishment — “to condemn, to render a verdict of guilt, condemnation.”

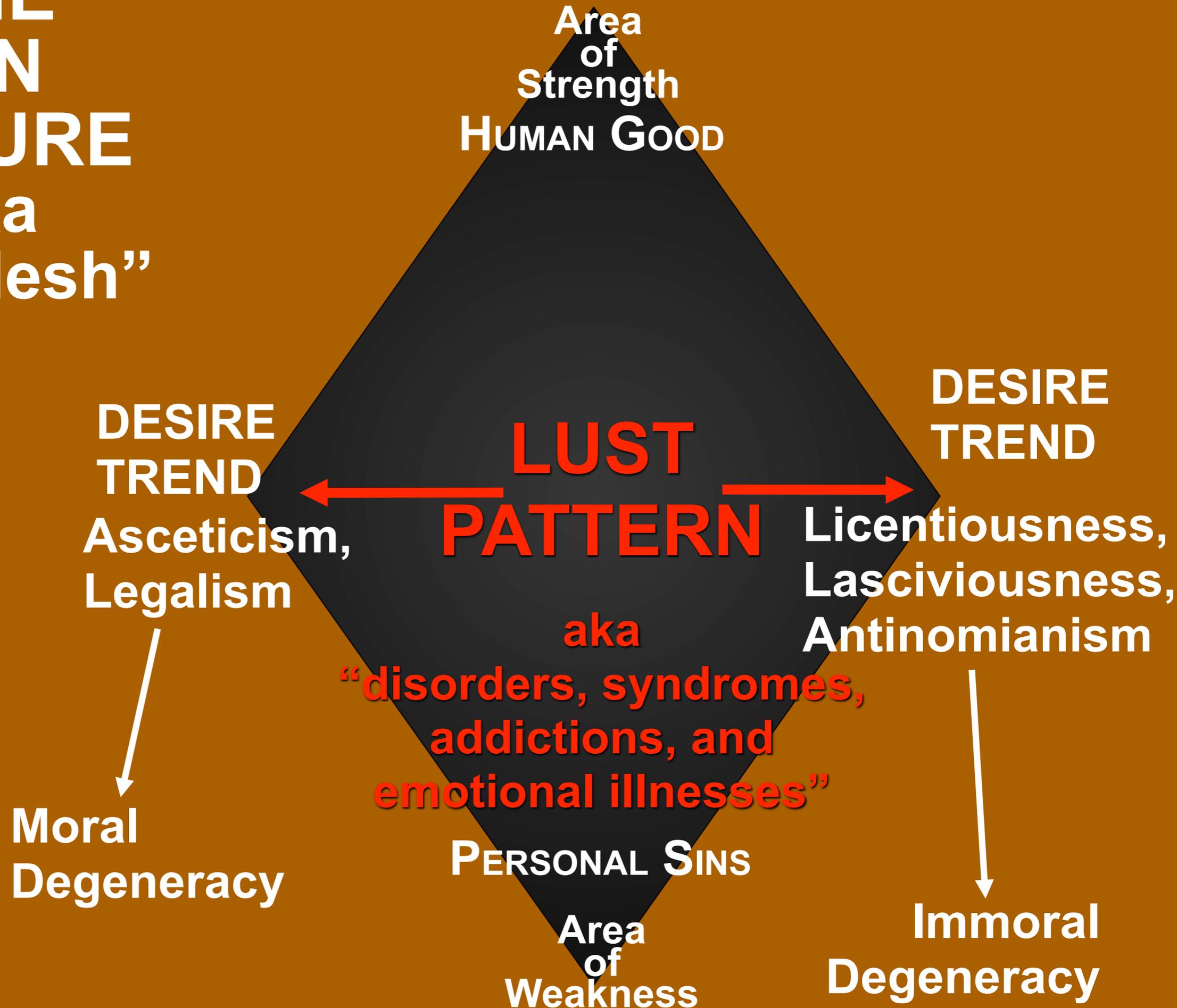
BAG: Not merely condemnation, the punishment following a pronouncement of legal guilt.

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Emphasis is not on eternal punishment, but on the consequences of sin.

Thus in context, this is a word focusing on the consequences of sin in the believer's life, not eternal punishment.

**THE
SIN
NATURE
aka
“the flesh”**



**ETERNAL
REALITIES**

**TEMPORAL
REALITIES**



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

*Baptism by the
Holy Spirit*

**FILLED BY
THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

1 Jn. 1:9

**SIN
NATURE**

CARNALITY

Sin nature control



Rom. 8:2, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.”

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- **“Spirit” (*pneuma*) is used 13 times in Rom. 6–8, 12 in Rom. 8. (1 other use refers to a mental attitude: spirit of bondage, 8:15; another to our human spirit, 8:16).**
- **“Spirit” is contrasted with “sin” (Rom. 8:2) “flesh” (Rom. 8:4, 5, 9, 13).**
- **“Spirit” is connected to life and contrasted to death (8:2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13).**
- **There is a stark contrast between flesh and Spirit, life and death. One or the other.**

Rom. 8:12, “So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh —

Rom. 8:13, “for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

- 1. Addressed to brethren, therefore it is possible for believers to die.**
- 2. Believers have been given eternal life but can still experience carnal death.**

Rom. 6:16, “Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?”

Rom. 6:18, “And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”

Rom. 6:21, “Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.”

Rom. 8:3, “For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,”

Rom. 8:4, “in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

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or

us, who do not walk

Rom. 8:5, “For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”