

Romans





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JURORS

“We have reached
a verdict!”



The lawyers can't
say, "We want to call
another witness!"



JURORS

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JURORS

“We have reached
a verdict!”

This is in the
present tense!

Rom. 8:9

You, however, are not in
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Rom. 8:9

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σαρκὶ ἀλλ' ἐν πνεύματι

...

Occupied Territory (Romans 8:9-13)



For many, Romans 8
is the peak chapter
in the Bible



Rom. 8

A close-up photograph of a large, stainless steel kitchen knife with a textured blade, resting on a light-colored wooden cutting board. The knife is positioned diagonally, with its tip pointing towards the bottom left. In the foreground, a thick slice of a bright red tomato is cut, with several thinner slices fanned out in front of it. The background is dark, featuring a blurred green leafy vegetable on the left and a purple onion on the right. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

We suffer chopping
it up too much!

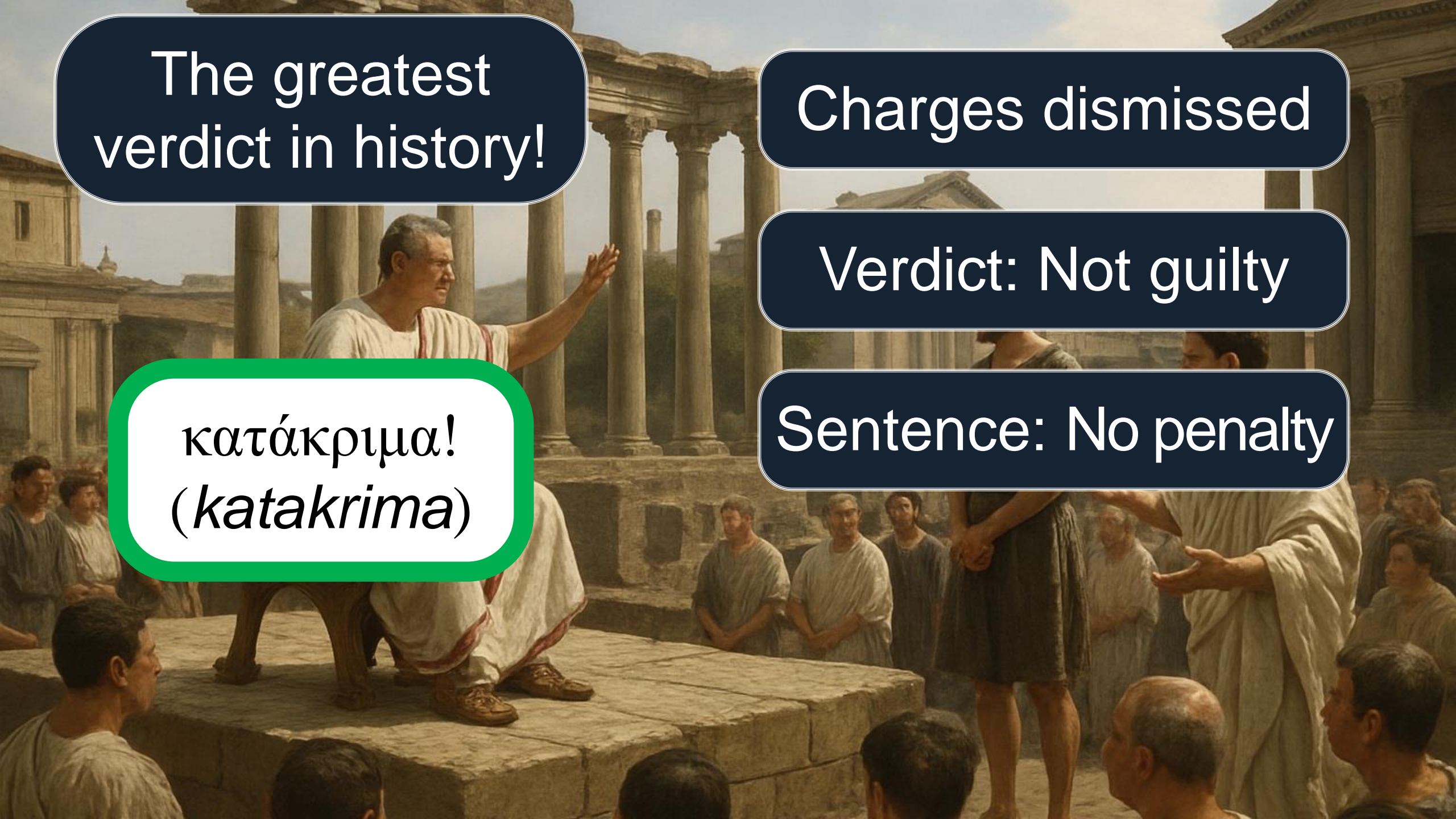
We forget the
flow and context





Rom. 8

R E V I E W



The greatest
verdict in history!

Charges dismissed

Verdict: Not guilty

Sentence: No penalty

κατάκριμα!
(*katakrima*)

Rom. 8:1

There is therefore now
no **condemnation** for
those who are in Christ
Jesus.

Rom. 8:1

Οὐδὲν ἄρα νῦν
κατάκριμα τοῖς ἐν
Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.



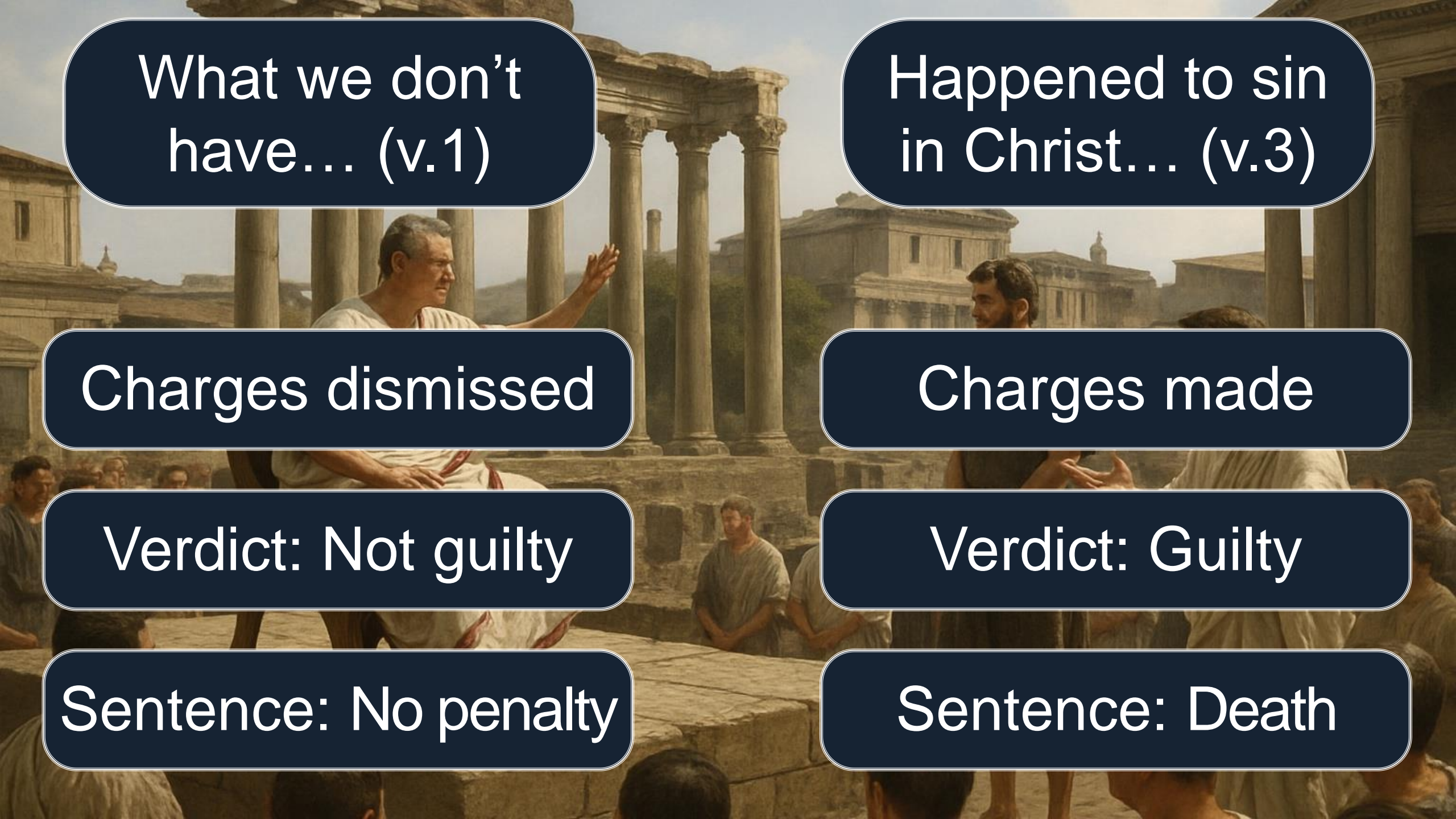
God did what
the law could
not do!

Rom. 8:3

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Rom. 8:3

Τὸ γὰρ ἀδύνατον τοῦ νόμου ἐν ᾧ ἡσθένει διὰ τῆς σαρκός, ὁ θεὸς τὸν ἑαυτοῦ υἱὸν πέμψας ἐν ὁμοιώματι σαρκὸς ἁμαρτίας καὶ περὶ ἁμαρτίας κατέκρινεν τὴν ἁμαρτίαν ἐν τῇ σαρκί,



What we don't
have... (v.1)

Charges dismissed

Verdict: Not guilty

Sentence: No penalty

Happened to sin
in Christ... (v.3)

Charges made

Verdict: Guilty

Sentence: Death



God's goal –

NOT:

Lower the standard

Excuse our failure

Pretend
righteousness
doesn't matter

God's goal **WAS:**

FULFILL what the
law required

Rom. 8:4

in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

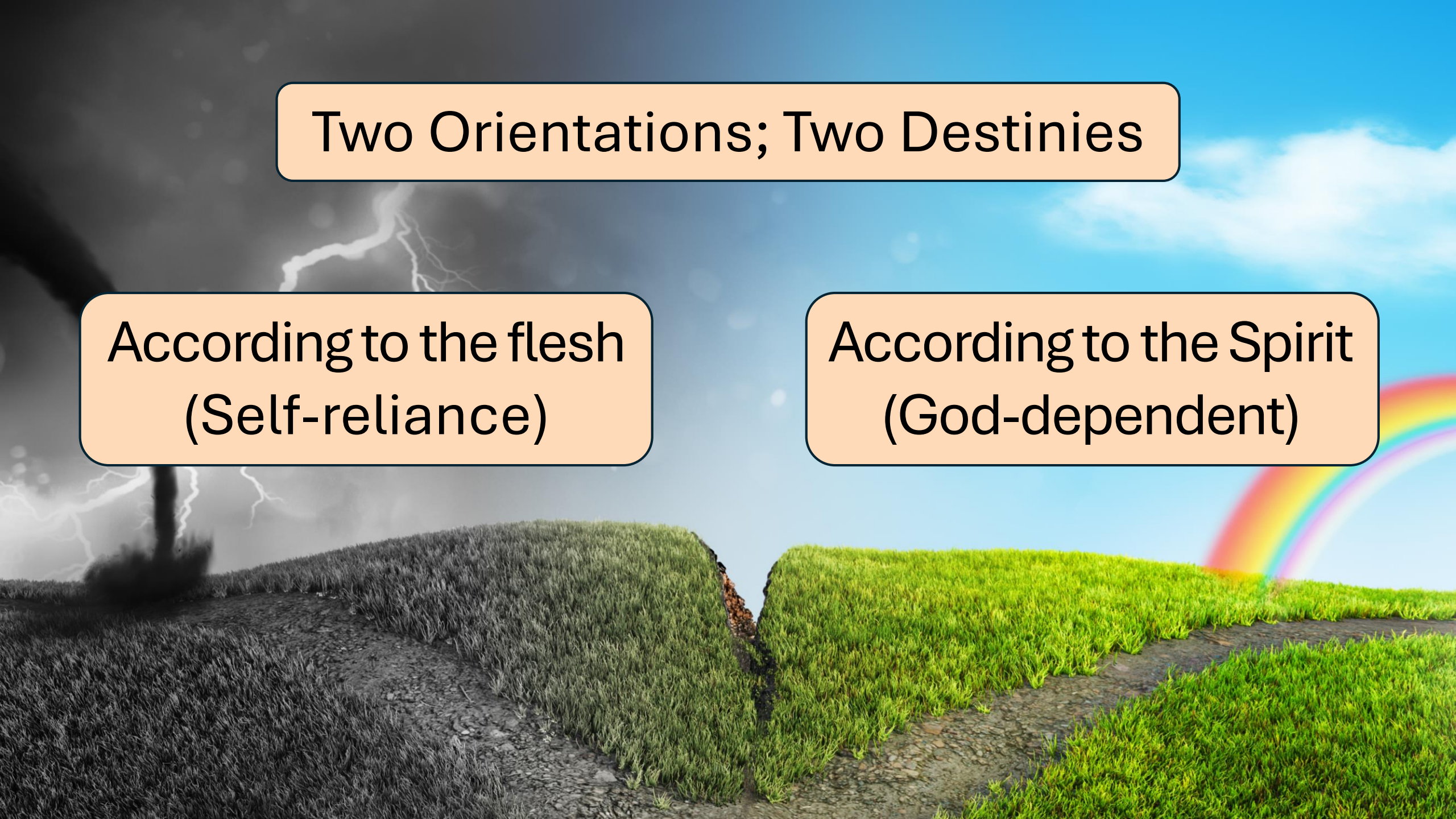
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Two Orientations; Two Destinies

According to the flesh
(Self-reliance)

According to the Spirit
(God-dependent)

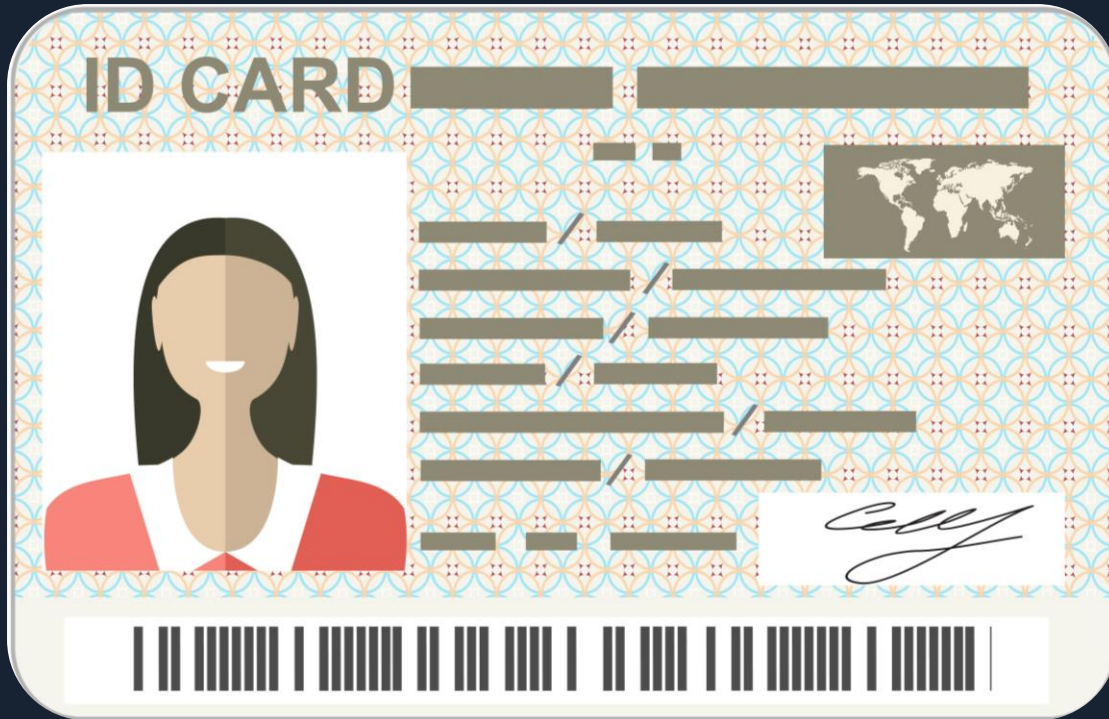


Rom. 8:6

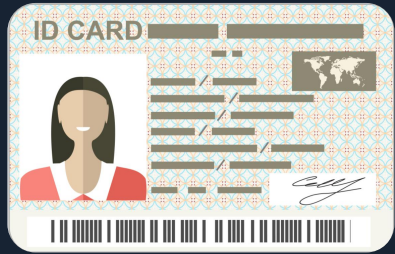
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Rom. 8:6

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φρόνημα τοῦ πνεύματος
ζωὴ καὶ εἰρήνη



So, which
are YOU???



You Are Not in Flesh, But in Spirit!

You Are Not in Flesh, But in Spirit!



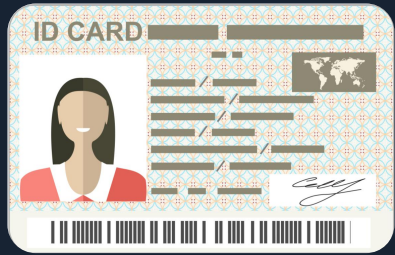
The Spirit who Raised Jesus Lives in You!

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The Spirit who Raised Jesus
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Therefore, the Flesh Has No Legal
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This is an
EMPHATIC YOU!!!
As in “this is important
stuff to **YOU!**”

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It indicates
a present reality

Rom. 8:9

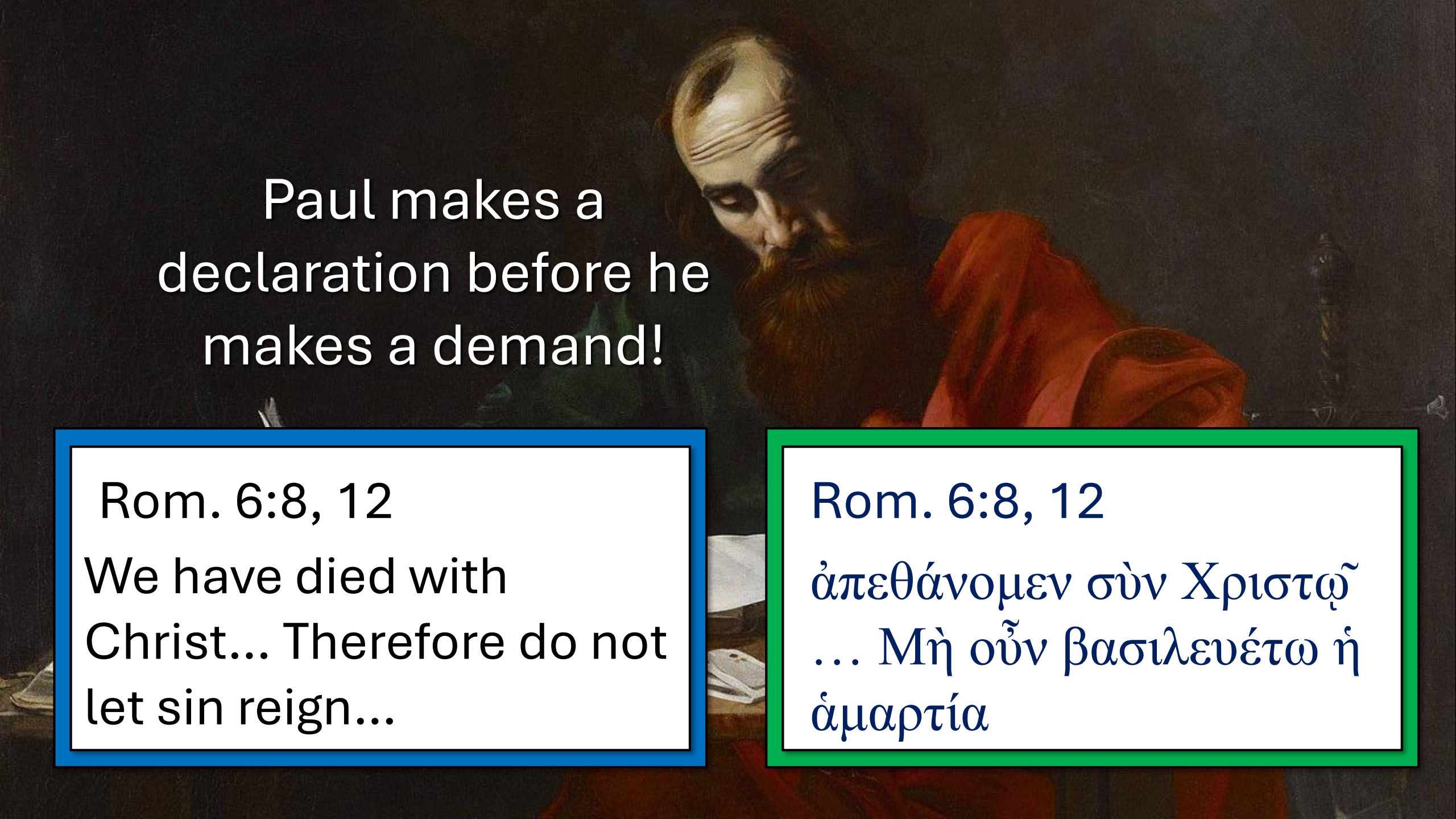
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εἴπερ ἡ ψυχή
ἐν ὑμῖν ἔστιν ἡ
Χριστοῦ, ἡ ἡ
τοῦ ἀποστόλου.

This verb is a
“present indicative”

A close-up photograph of a person's hand in a light blue shirt pulling a silver door handle. Above the handle is a green sign with the words "FIRE EXIT" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background is slightly blurred, showing the interior of a building with light-colored walls and ceiling.

Paul is not saying
“leave the building!”
 (“leave the flesh”)

He is saying
“you are already
outside the building!”



Paul makes a
declaration before he
makes a demand!

Rom. 6:8, 12

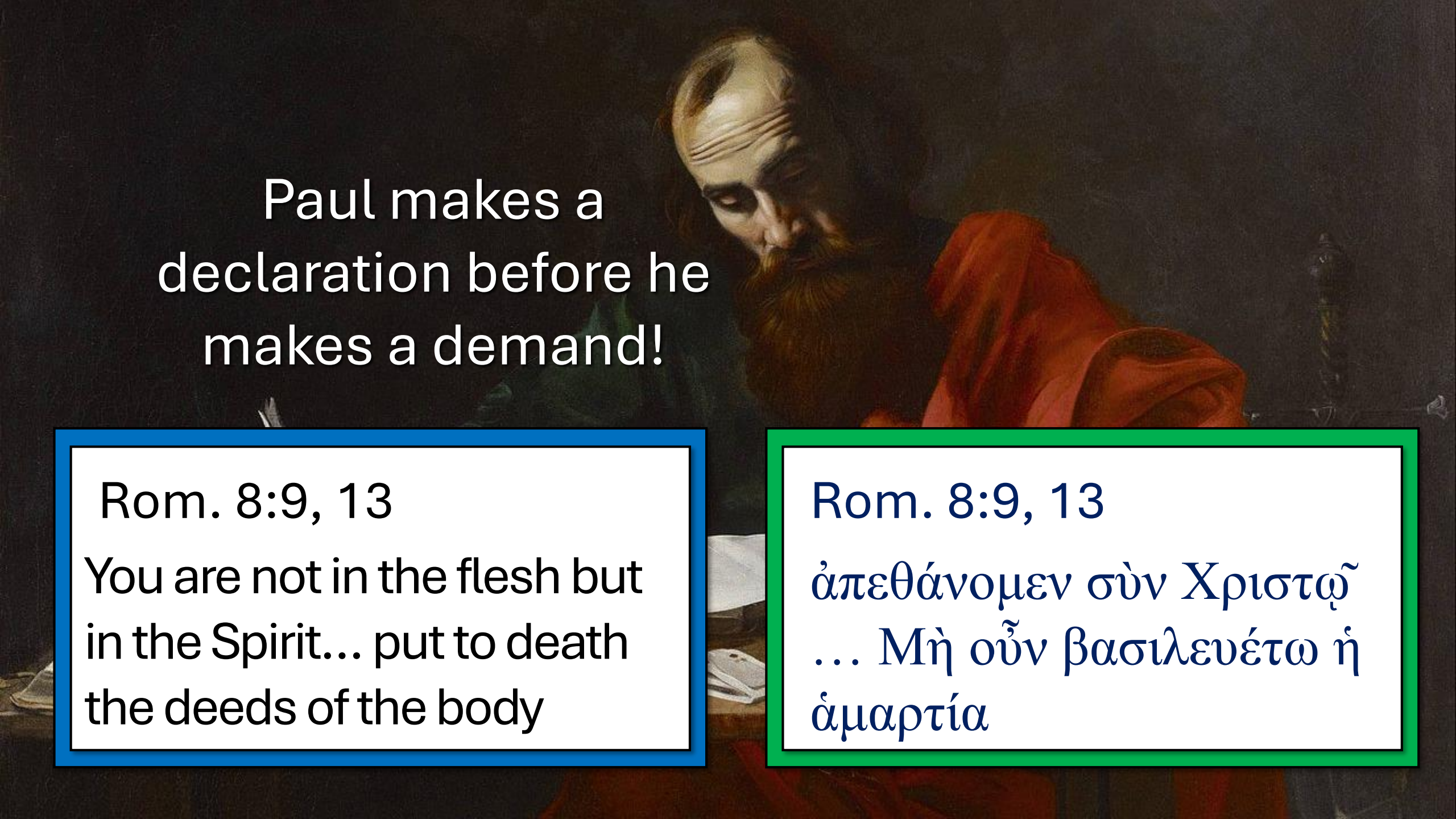
We have died with
Christ... Therefore do not
let sin reign...

Rom. 6:8, 12

ἀπεθάνομεν σὺν Χριστῷ
... Μὴ οὖν βασιλευέτω ἡ
ἁμαρτία



Identity before
obligation!



Paul makes a
declaration before he
makes a demand!

Rom. 8:9, 13

You are not in the flesh but
in the Spirit... put to death
the deeds of the body

Rom. 8:9, 13

ἀπεθάνομεν σὺν Χριστῷ
... Μὴ οὖν βασιλευέτω ἡ
ἁμαρτία

Rom. 8:10

But if Christ is in you,
although the body is
dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because
of righteousness.

Rom. 8:10

εἰ δὲ Χριστὸς ἐν ὑμῖν, τὸ
μὲν σῶμα νεκρὸν διὰ
ἁμαρτίαν τὸ δὲ πνεῦμα
ζωὴ διὰ δικαιοσύνην.

Rom. 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Rom. 8:11

εἰ δὲ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ
ἐγείραντος τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐκ
νεκρῶν οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν, ὁ
ἐγείρας Χριστὸν ἐκ
νεκρῶν ζῶποιήσει καὶ
τὰ θνητὰ σώματα ὑμῶν
διὰ τοῦ ἐνοικοῦντος
αὐτοῦ πνεύματος ἐν ὑμῖν.

What do you see?



Blindfolded:
Doesn't smell:
"It looks like a glass of water,"
"The glass is empty!"
"A glass of water is empty!"

Same facts.
Different perspectives.
Different responses.



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Your electric statement

For:
Customer name:
Service address:

Amount of your last bill	Payments (-)	Additional activity (+ or -)	Balance before new charges
51.28	51.28 CR	0.00	0.00

Meter reading - Meter

Current reading - 27062
Previous reading - 26379
kWh used 683

Energy usage

Last Year	This Year
749	683
30	30
25	25

Amount of your last bill
Payment received - Thank you
Balance before new charges
New charges (Rate: RS-1 RESIDENTIAL SERV)
Electric service amount
Storm charge
Gross receipts tax
Franchise charge
Utility tax
Total new charges

Total amount you owe

**The electric service amount includes the following charges:
Customer charge: 0.65
Fuel: 0.00
(First 1000 kWh at 0.000000)
(Over 1000 kWh at 0.000000)
Non-fuel: 0.00

PAID

TRANSACTION ID: 1234567890
PAYEE: BANK TRANSFER

BANK TRANSFER
Bank: TRANSFER
Account: 1234567890
Date: October 5, 2025
Amount: 51.28 CR

Account No: 0012345678
Customer: John Doe
Address: 101 Sample Street
Tax ID: 123-456-789
Provider: City Utility Co
Billing Period: Sep 2025

Average Monthly Usage (mcf)

Month	Usage (mcf)
Jan	8.300
Feb	8.800
Mar	4.900
Apr	1.600
May	0.000
Jun	0.000
Jul	0.000
Aug	0.000
Sep	0.000
Oct	0.000
Nov	0.000
Dec	0.000

H METER READING
2623 ACTUAL
26379 ACTUAL

TOPAY

Payment: 0-123-456
722189

Rom. 8:12

So then, brothers, we
are debtors...

Rom. 8:12

Ἄρα οὖν, ἀδελφοί,
ὀφειλέται ἐσμέν...



Gardener:

“Perfect! My plants
will thrive!”

Same rain.

4 completely different reactions
based on perspective

Same evidence.
Different frameworks.
Different conclusions.

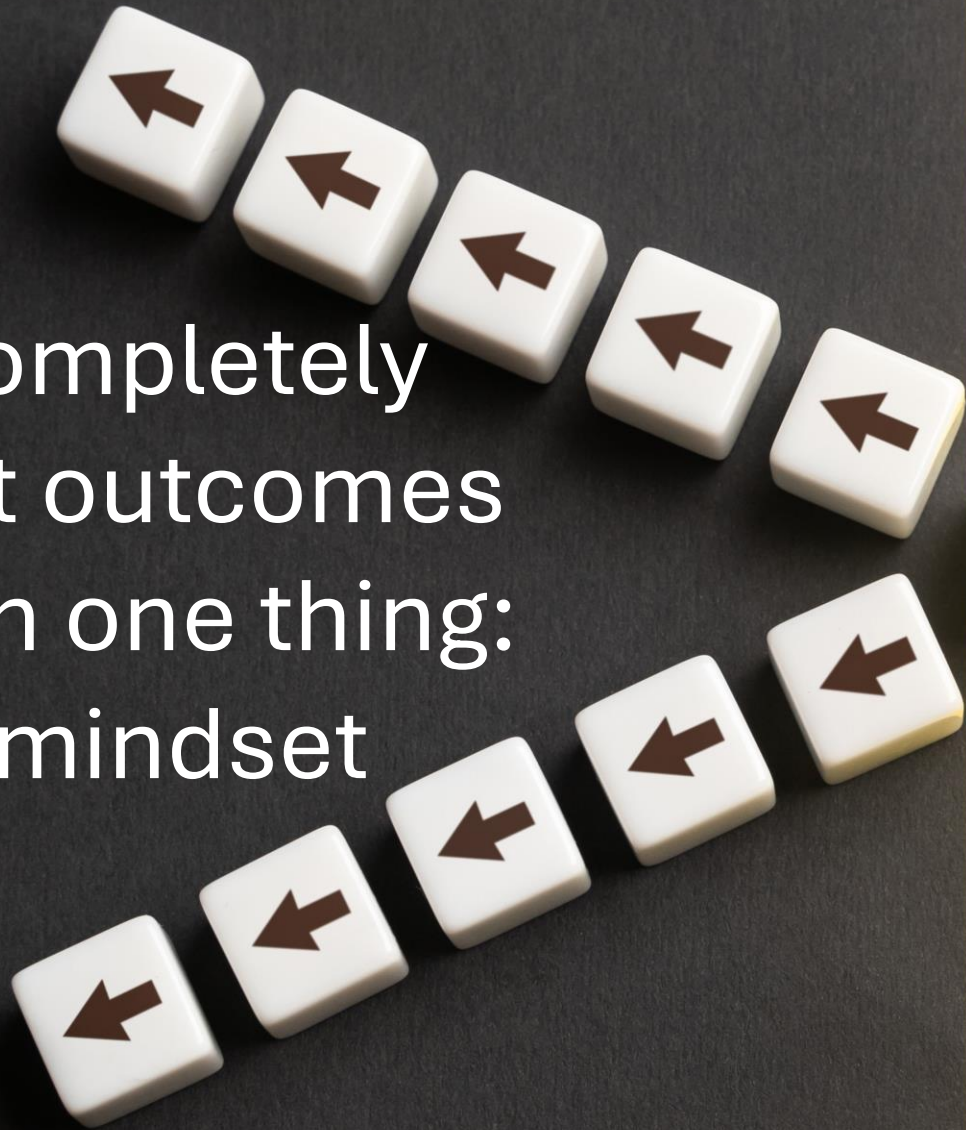


Everything
depends on your
framework, your
mindset...



Same circumstances.
Same challenges.
Same temptations.

Two completely
different outcomes
based on one thing:
your mindset





The Foundation: Rom. 8:1-4



The Chiasm: Rom. 8:5-8



The Identification: Rom. 8:9-11



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Rom. 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Rom. 8:2

ὁ γὰρ νόμος τοῦ πνεύματος τῆς ζωῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠλευθέρωσέν σε ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου τῆς ἁμαρτίας καὶ τοῦ θανάτου.

Law of sin
and death
(Adamic
system)



Law of the
Spirit of life
(Messianic
system)

Rom. 8:4

in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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sarx
(σάρξ) : Flesh



The Foundation: Rom. 8:1-4

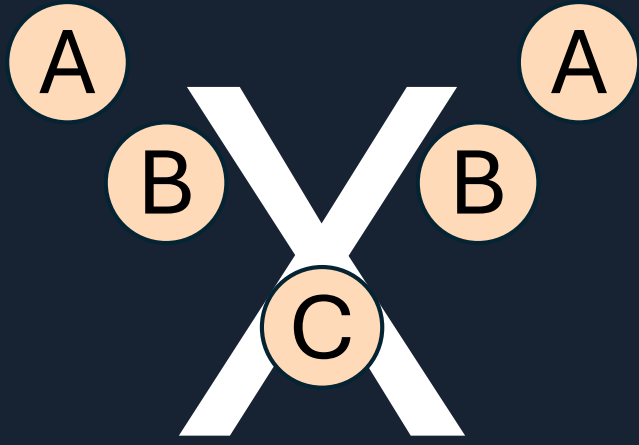


The Chiasm: Rom. 8:5-8





Tom Wright
identifies a
“chiasm” in
Romans 8:5-8

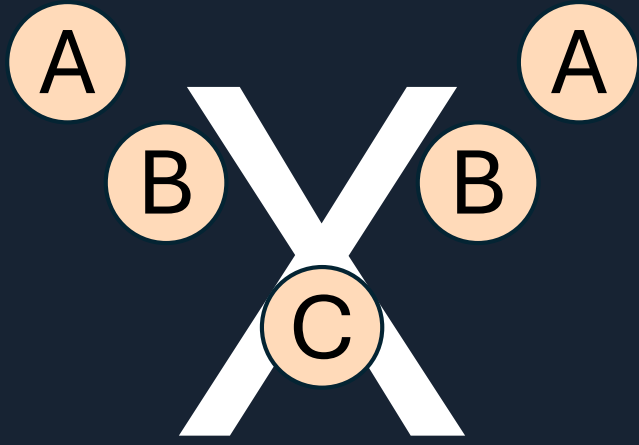


A Greek “Chi”

A “chiasm” is an ancient literary device where ideas are presented in one order, then repeated in reverse order

A - B - C - B - A

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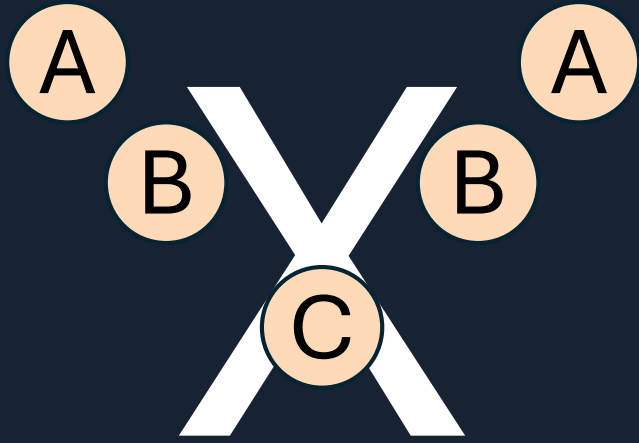


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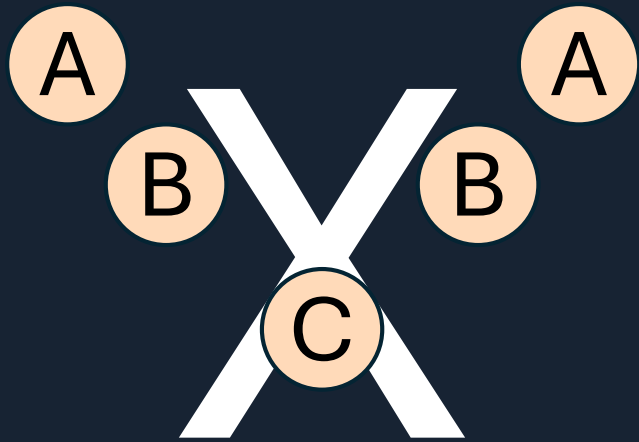
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A magnifying glass with a black handle and a silver-colored metal ring is positioned over a light blue background. The lens of the magnifying glass is centered on the word "EXAMPLES", which is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. The magnifying glass's frame is a thin black line, and the lens itself is a clear circle that frames the text. The handle of the magnifying glass extends from the bottom left towards the center of the lens.

EXAMPLES



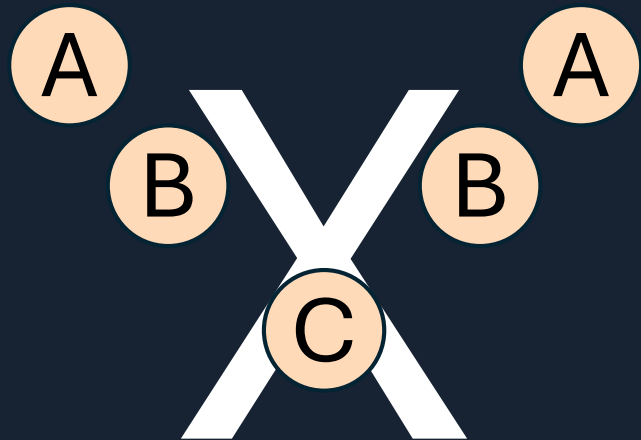
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Gn. 9:6

A Whoever sheds the
B blood of man, **C** by man **C**
 shall his blood be shed, **B**
 for God made man in **A**
 his own image.

Gn. 9:6

C **C** **B** **A**
 שִׁפְךָ דָּם הָאָדָם בְּאָדָם
 דָּמוֹ יִשְׁפַךְ כִּי בְּצַלְמֵם
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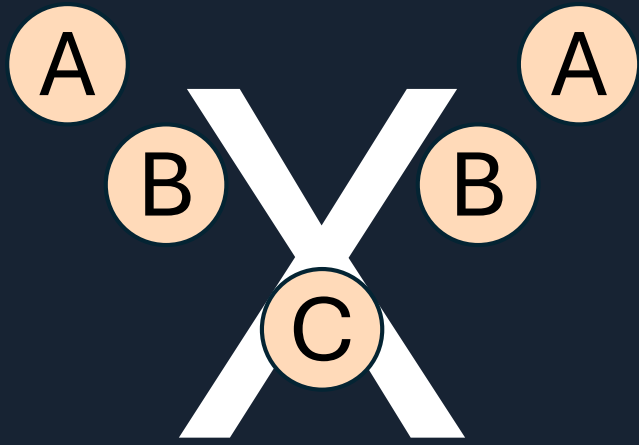
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Mt. 23:12

Whoever exalts himself
will be humbled, and
whoever humbles
himself will be exalted.

Mt. 23:12

ὅστις δὲ ὑψώσει ἑαυτὸν
ταπεινωθήσεται καὶ ὅστις
ταπεινώσει ἑαυτὸν
ὑψωθήσεται.



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1. Memory aid

2. Emphasis tool

Why?



Rom. 8:5

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Rom. 8:5

οἱ γὰρ κατὰ σάρκα ὄντες
τὰ τῆς σαρκὸς
φρονοῦσιν, οἱ δὲ κατὰ
πνεῦμα τὰ τοῦ
πνεύματος.

Rom. 8:7

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

Rom. 8:7

διότι τὸ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς ἔχθρα εἰς θεόν, τῷ γὰρ νόμῳ τοῦ θεοῦ οὐχ ὑποτάσσεται, οὐδὲ γὰρ δύναται.

Rom. 8:8

Those who are in the
flesh cannot please
God.

Rom. 8:8

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ἀρέσαι οὐ δύνανται.

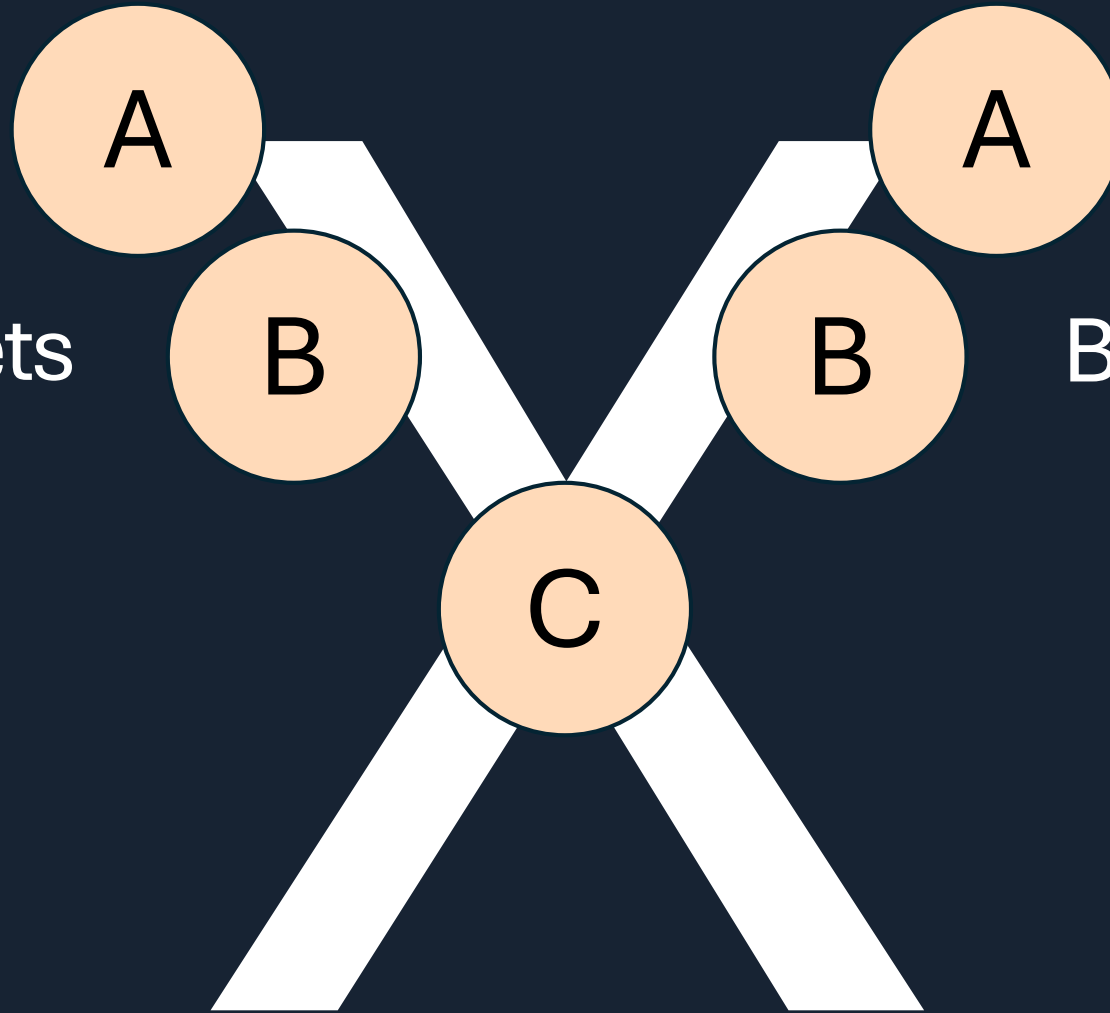
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people (8:5,8)

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(8:5, 7)

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(8:6)

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A - 2 kinds of people (8:5,8)

For those who live according to the flesh ...
but those who live according to the Spirit...

Those who are in the flesh cannot please
God...

A - 2 kinds of people (8:5,8)

A ginger cat with a white patch on its face is perched on a white wooden fence. The cat is looking down and to the left. The background is dark and out of focus. The text "Paul offers no middle ground" is overlaid in the upper right corner.

Paul offers no
middle ground

Why?

Because flesh-orientation is fundamentally self-directed, and you cannot simultaneously be self-directed and God-pleasing

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God...

A A - 2 kinds of people (8:5,8)

You can't face north and south at the same time

NORTH



SOUTH

X

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B B-2 Mindsets (8:5, 7)

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B B-2 Mindsets (8:5, 7)

Rom. 8:5

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Rom. 8:5

οἱ γὰρ κατὰ σάρκα ὄντες τὰ τῆς σαρκὸς **φρονοῦσιν**, οἱ δὲ κατὰ πνεῦμα τὰ τοῦ πνεύματος.

phroneō (φρονέω) : An attitude, opinion

- A Those living by flesh set minds on things of flesh (v. 5a)
- B Those living by Spirit set minds on things of Spirit (v. 5b)
- C Mind set on flesh = death (v. 6a)
- C Mind set on Spirit = life and peace (v. 6b)
- B Mind of flesh is hostile to God and can't submit (v. 7)
- A Those in flesh cannot please God (v. 8)

Yahoo Scout NEW!

Yahoo Games · New!

Today in History

Events Near Houston

What to Watch

Dracula
2025 · Horror



Fea

phroneō
(φρονέω) : Your default setting!

Trending



Men's
Sch
Wint
today: Every event
happening on Feb. 15



Daytona 500 Start Time
2026 Daytona 500: How to
watch, race day schedule
and more



Nancy Guthrie
Police say nighttime
operation resulted in search
warrant, no arrests



Winter Olympics
Canada-Sweden cheating
controversy, explained: Why
curling match ended in...



James Van Der Beek
James Van Der Beek's
brother shares emotional
tribute to late actor

The Guardian / 80

Shutdown hitting 13% of federal
civilian workforce likely for at
least 10 days



A man in England was
running from police. 8
llamas caught him.

Washington ... / 155



Amazon's Presidents'
Day sale is full of rare
deals and all-time-low
prices

Yahoo Shoppi... / 67



At least 6 top Trump
officials cited in Epstein
document trove

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Houston

57°

RealFeel® 57°, Mostly cloudy

Today
73° 51°

Tomorrow
76° 53°

Tue
82° 64°

Powered by AccuWeather

Check UV, air quality and more

Ad: 00:01

CRIME
101



IS:

Default orientation

Habitual thought pattern

YES

NOT:

Random thoughts

Pop into your heads

NO

Things of the flesh

- What can **I** achieve?
- How can **I** succeed?
- What do **I** want?
- **I** can handle this!

My performance, **my**
reputation, **my** goals

Things of the Spirit

- What does **God** want?
- How can **God** be glorified?
- What is God doing?
- **God** I need your help!

His will, **His** kingdom,
His glory



B B-2 Mindsets (8:5, 7)

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echthra
(ἔχθρα)

•
•

enmity, at war,
active opposition

Think opposing
armies on a battlefield



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Present tense
(ὑποτάσσεται)

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Continuous, ongoing
refusal to submit



**It's not
possible**

X

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C-2 Outcomes (8:6)

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ζωὴ καὶ εἰρήνη

C

C-2 Outcomes (8:6)

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C-2 Outcomes (8:6)

An equation, not a sentence!!!

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

τὸ γὰρ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς θάνατος, τὸ δὲ φρόνημα τοῦ πνεύματος ζωὴ καὶ εἰρήνη

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C-2 Outcomes (8:6)

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$$

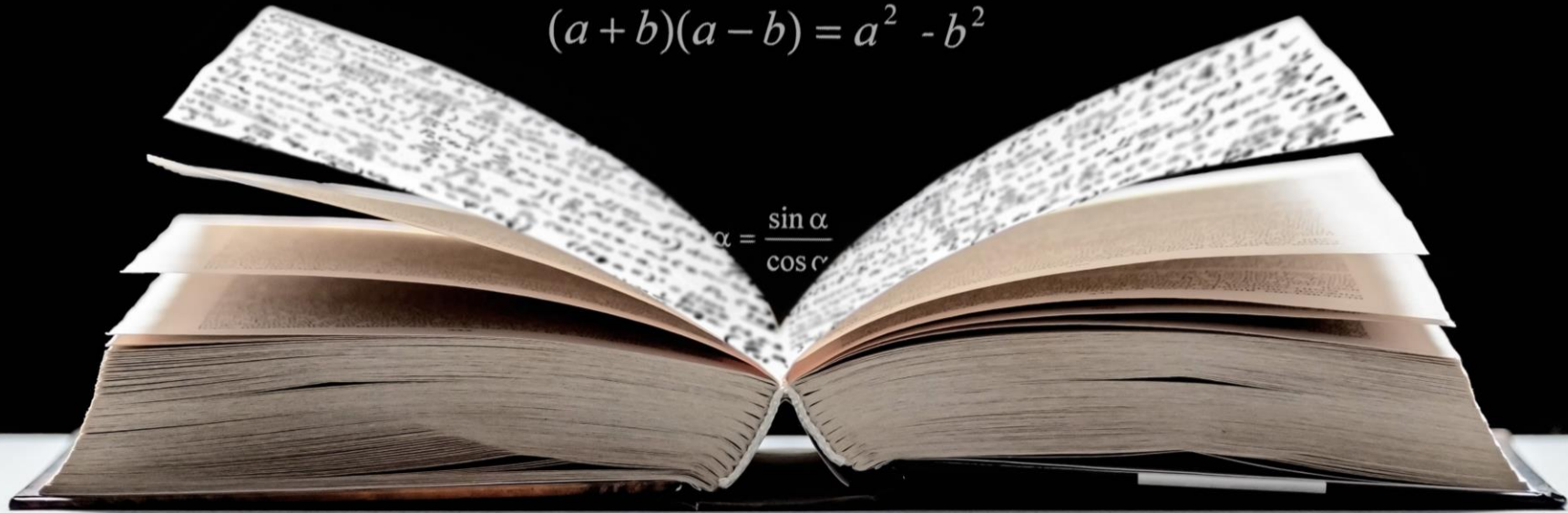
Flesh-mindset = death

Spirit-mindset = life and peace

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1 \quad \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$



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C-2 Outcomes (8:6)

An equation, not a sentence!!!

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

τὸ γὰρ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς θάνατος, τὸ δὲ φρόνημα τοῦ πνεύματος ζωὴ καὶ εἰρήνη

A present reality!!!

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C-2 Outcomes (8:6)

Think opposing
armies on a battlefield



Flesh-mindset:

Death

Emptiness

Alienation

Futility



Spirit-mindset:

Life

Wholeness

Flourishing

Peace



The Foundation: Rom. 8:1-4



The Chiasm: Rom. 8:5-8



The Identification: Rom. 8:9-11

Points for Home



Your mindset
sets your life

“Mind set on flesh is death,
but mind set on Spirit is life
and peace” (Rm. 8:6)

Points for Home



Pay attention to your
“default page”

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Challenge: “God I need you!”
NOT “I got this!”



Points for Home



Each day: “What does
God want?”
NOT “What can I do?”

Romans

