



Bible Study Notes

Book of Romans Part 16

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There is a difference between receiving grace, and letting it transform you.

Released From the Law, Bound to Christ.

Romans 7:1-6

¹ Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? ² For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. ³ So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

⁴ So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵ For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. ⁶ But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Through Jesus' death, we have died to the old requirement of rule keeping.

Under the law, there was no freedom to move forward and bear fruit in our lives.

In contexts like this, the Greek word for flesh (sarx) refers to the sinful state of human beings, often presented as a power in opposition to the Spirit.

Sarx, often translated as flesh; sarkikos which means carnal; and sarkinos, fleshy.

It has been defined as: Our human ability to know, judge, or perceive good and evil.

Our flesh, old nature, sinful nature.

The sarx will always steer us wrong!

Galatians 5:16-17

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.



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Our flesh is in conflict with the Spirit. It will never steer us toward truth.

We no longer have to fear fighting the flesh, because, in a spiritual sense we have died to it.

We died to the old way, so we are no longer bound by it.

Romans 6:11-12

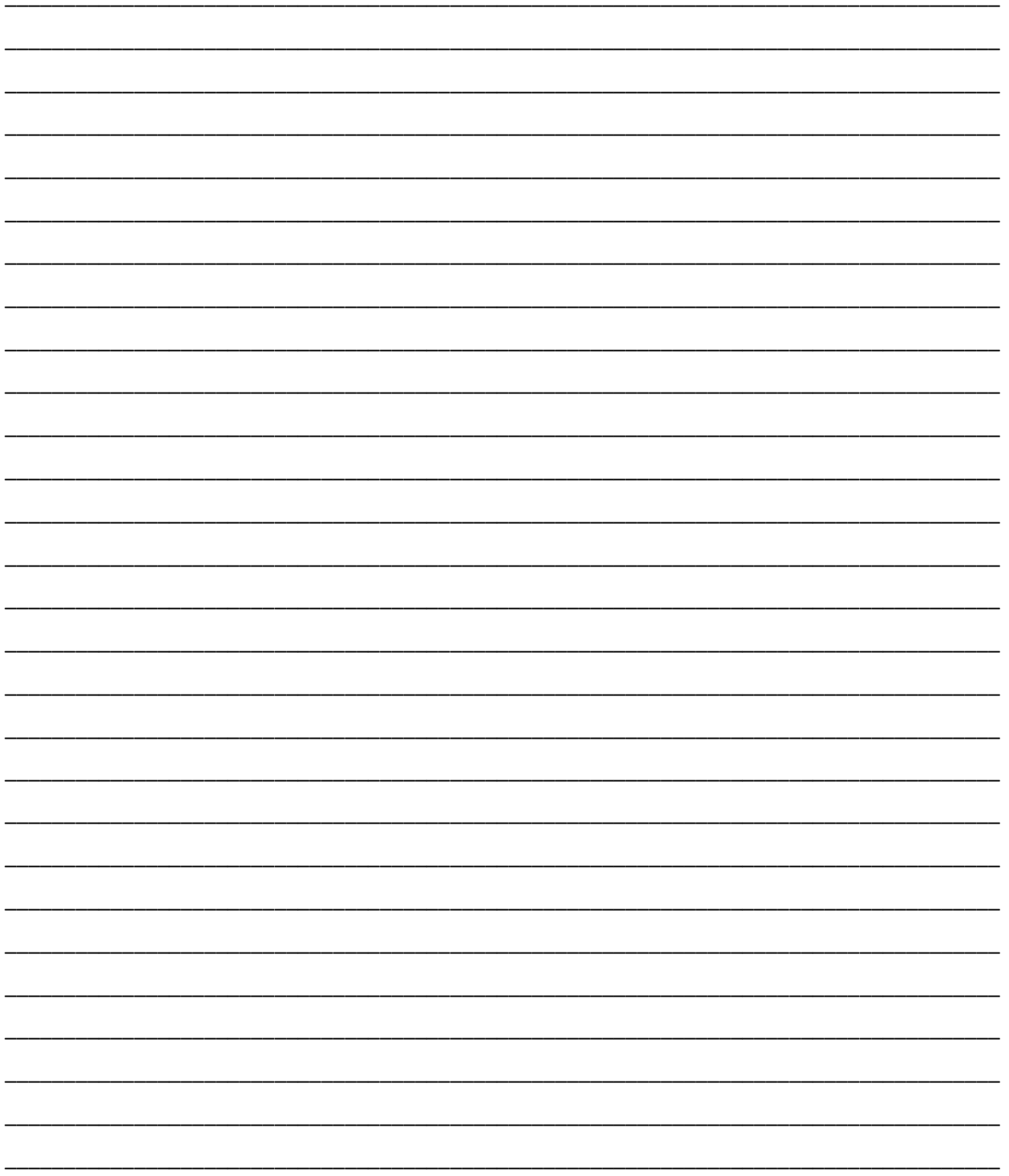
¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

We died to the flesh spiritually, so we no longer have to obey it.

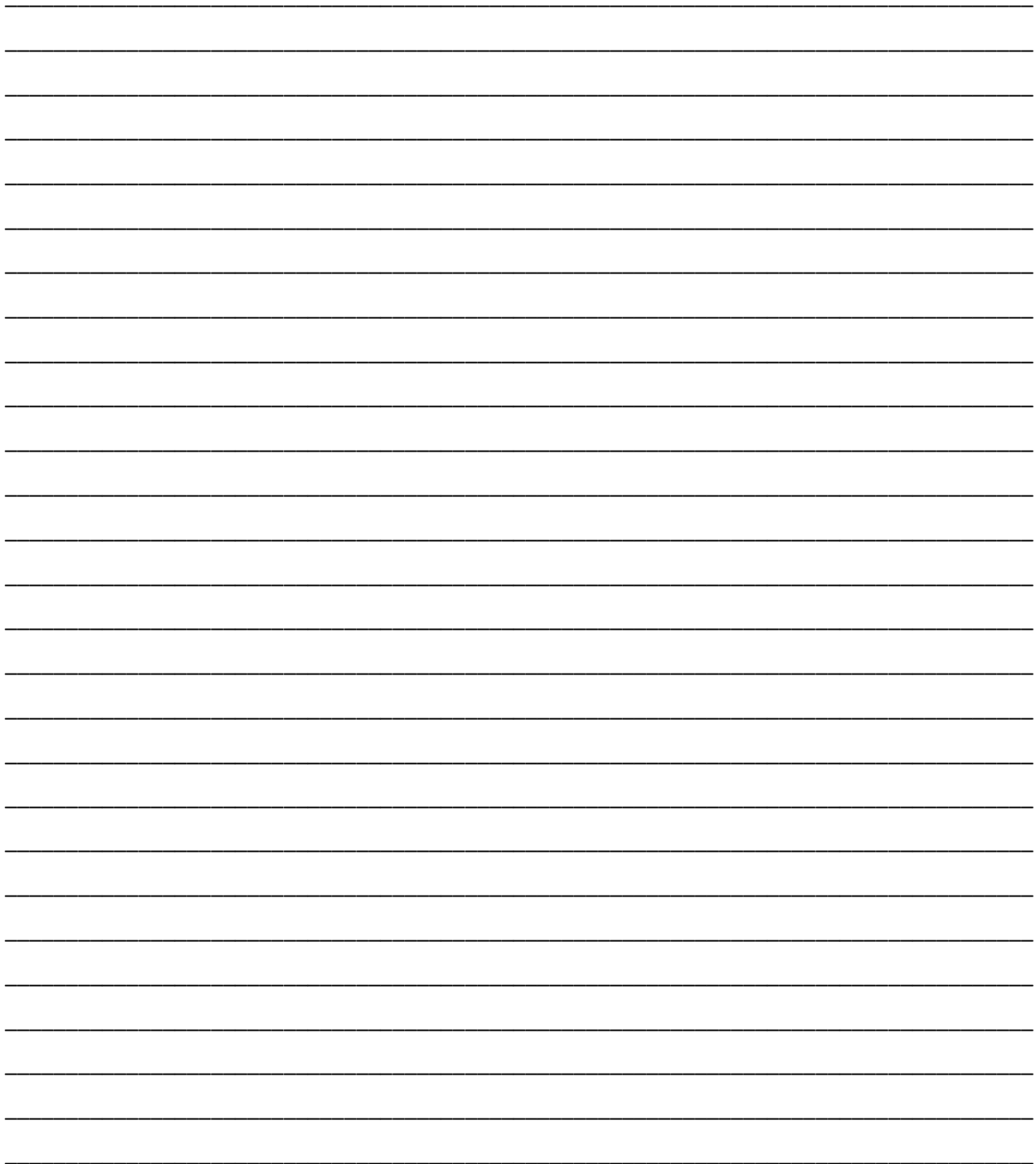
Romans 7:4-6 (The Message)

So, my friends, this is something like what has taken place with you. When Christ died he took that entire rule-dominated way of life down with him and left it in the tomb, leaving you free to “marry” a resurrection life and bear “offspring” of faith for God. For as long as we lived that old way of life, doing whatever we felt we could get away with, sin was calling most of the shots as the old law code hemmed us in. And this made us all the more rebellious. In the end, all we had to show for it was miscarriages and stillbirths. But now that we’re no longer shackled to that domineering mate of sin, and out from under all those oppressive regulations and fine print, we’re free to live a new life in the freedom of God.

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