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Asking my husband how often he thinks about the Roman Empire and this was his response...



Romans



HOW DO WE
LIVE THEN?

CHAPTERS 4-8

A large crowd of people is gathered at a night concert or festival. The scene is illuminated by vibrant stage lights in shades of blue, purple, and red. In the foreground, a person is seen from behind, wearing a dark jacket and blue pants, leaning forward. The crowd in the background is dense and appears to be dancing or celebrating. The overall atmosphere is energetic and festive.

Romans 8:1-4

¹There is therefore now
no condemnation
for those who are in
Christ Jesus.



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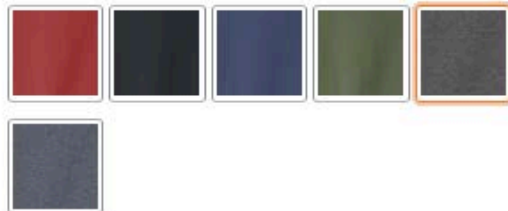
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How to Live According to the Flesh:

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Romans 1:22-23

²² Claiming to be wise,
they became fools,
²³ and exchanged the
glory of the immortal
God for images
resembling mortal man
and birds and animals
and creeping things.



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How to Live According to the Flesh:

1. **WORSHIP:** stuff
2. **SERVE:** yourself



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— THE BOOK OF —
JUDGES

²⁵ In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes

Judges 21:25

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“Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it whilst you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you.”

John Owen,
The Mortification of Sin



A blurred background image showing a large crowd of people, possibly at a political rally or event. The people are mostly wearing red clothing, and some are holding up phones or cameras. The text 'KNOW YOUR ENEMY' is overlaid in large, bold, white letters on the right side of the image.

**KNOW
YOUR
ENEMY**



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♪ GOODBYE, TOBY

Judges 10:11-13

¹¹ The Lord replied, “When the Egyptians, the Amorites, the Ammonites, the Philistines, ¹² the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you and you cried to me for help, did I not save you from their hands?

¹³ But you have forsaken me and served other gods

A meme featuring a close-up of Steve Carell as Michael Scott from the TV show 'The Office'. He has a shocked expression with his mouth wide open. The background shows an office setting with framed certificates on the wall and a clipboard on a desk.

NO GOD PLEASE

NOOOOOOOOO

Psalm 3

¹ Lord, how many are my foes!
How many rise up against me!

² Many are saying of me,
“God will not deliver him.”

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Psalm 8:2

²Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your
enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.



Galatians 4:4-7

Praying "Abba, Father"

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Mark 14:35-36

Praying "Abba, Father"

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.

³⁶ "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."



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If we are serious about mortifying the misdeeds of the body (and verses 6 and 13 should offer sufficient motivation to take this seriously!), we need to preach grace-centered mini-sermons to ourselves throughout our day, and especially when tempted... And many Christians try to control themselves with law-centered mini-sermons. We say to ourselves things like: If I do that, God will get me or: It's against my Christian principles or: It will hurt people around me or: I will be embarrassed or: It will hurt my self-esteem or: I'll hate myself in the morning.

Some or all of these may be true – but Paul tells us they are inadequate! They don't kill sin. That is taking your temptation to the law and using fear to deter yourself." But we are to use the logic of the gospel on ourselves. Look what God's done for me! Is this how I respond to him? We're to take our temptations to the gospel, and find God's love for us, in sending his Son to the cross and his Spirit into our hearts, showing us the vileness of that sin, motivating us to love our Savior, and removing our desire to live according to the flesh."



How to Live According to the Flesh:

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How to Live Under Grace:

1. **WORSHIP:** Jesus
2. **SERVE:** people
3. **USE:** stuff

A group of people, mostly men, are gathered around a central point, with their hands raised and pressed together in a huddle. In the background, a yellow sign with the word "BELIEVE" written in blue capital letters is pinned to a blue wall. The scene is lit with a soft, blue-toned light, creating a sense of unity and shared purpose. The people are wearing various casual clothing, including grey hoodies and blue shirts. The overall atmosphere is one of collective support and faith.

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I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith, and love, and every grace;
Might more of his salvation know,
And seek, more earnestly, his face.

'Twas he who taught me thus to pray,
And he, I trust, has answered prayer!
But it has been in such a way,
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favoured hour,
At once he'd answer my request;
And by his love's constraining pow'r,
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, he made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart;
And let the angry pow'rs of hell
Assault my soul in every part...

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried,
Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?
'Tis in this way, the Lord replied, I
answer prayer for grace and faith.
These inward trials I employ, From self,
and pride, to set thee free; And break
thy schemes of earthly joy, That thou
may'st find thy all in me.

John Newton, 1779



♪ GOODBYE, SIN!