

Children of the First Marriage, Romans 7:5

In the spiritual life, the emotions properly submit to the thought content of the stream of consciousness. When that order is reversed, the kidneys revolt and there is a reflux of urine back into the kidneys causing poisons to circulate throughout the blood stream. This is a condition known medically as hydronephrosis. [The kidney/heart analogy of Revelation 2:23 was developed in two lessons taught November 30, and December 2, 1993 if you are interested in a technical review.]

In the brain, emotional revolt causes sin and its associates of human good, evil and lust, to circulate in the stream of consciousness just as poison circulates in the bloodstream as a result of hydronephrosis. This is how the sinful nature issues vectors to the brain which in turn fire the necessary memory traces that cause the body to follow suit.

So, Romans 7:5 starts with the status quo of the unbeliever who is under orders to the sinful nature. When the unbeliever submits to its authority as a good loyal wife should, then the relationship eventually produces children. When the children are born, i.e., when the brain submits to the temptations offered by the sinful nature, they need to be given names. These thoughts, decisions, and actions are defined by the marriage counselor, the Mosaic Law.

The Order Code defines them as various categories of sin. The Establishment Code identifies other sins as well as human good and evil. The Spiritual Code presents the solution to sin. Knowledge of doctrine reveals solutions to human good and evil. If it were not for the Mosaic Law, the sinner would not be aware that his thoughts, decisions, and actions were in opposition to divine policy.

Ignorance of the Law means that the unbeliever sins but does so in innocence. Ignorance of the law is no excuse but nevertheless, his violations of divine standards were not born of a conscious rebellious process. It is knowledge of the Law which sets up an intellectual challenge to the volition.

When the sinful nature tempts the unbeliever to do that which he knows is wrong then his decision to submit is a knowing act of rebellion against the Law.

Principle: Without norms and standards, the unbeliever is incapable of leading a stable life for he never knows whether whatever he does is really right or wrong.

Only the Law can make the issues clear. Thus, when a person becomes aware of negative mandates from the Law, yet performs them anyway, that person knowingly sins and is in conscious rebellion. This is where normal carnality, or life under the tyranny of the flesh, becomes unbeliever reversionism. In either case, the volition of the unbeliever has learned to submit to the trends of her first husband, the genetically formed sinful nature. The result is the birth of children, indicated in Romans 7:5 by the phrase, "*resulting in the production of fruit from the source of spiritual death.*"

Wheel-tracks of wickedness have become paths of least resistance and are facilitated throughout the neural network. Each wheel-track of wickedness becomes metaphorically a child of the first marriage: "*fruit from the source of spiritual death.*"

Remember spiritual death occurs at physical birth when the soul is imputed to biological life while Adam's original sin is simultaneously imputed to the sinful nature. Remember that encoded into the DNA of the brain's neural nuclei are as many as 1,000 genes containing trends, strengths, weaknesses, and lust patterns which constitute that person's sinful nature. This is the wedding ceremony of the first marriage and although the person is physically alive, he is spiritually dead.

The thing which gives impetus to the problem is knowledge learned from the Law which classifies the children born from the sinful nature's weakness as sin. From that point on, a person who sins does so knowingly and thus, giving birth to sin constitutes open rebellion against the plan of God.