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### Lawless

#### The Basis of All Religions

- You ought to... You don't ...You're toast.

<sup>15</sup> I **do** not understand what I **do**. For what I want to **do** I **do** not **do**, but what I hate I **do**. <sup>16</sup> And if I **do** what I **do** not want to **do** I agree that the **law** is good.

Romans 7:15-16 (NIV11)

<sup>24</sup> What a **wretched** man I am! **Who** will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me **through** Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:24-25 (NIV11)

#### Religion vs. Relationship

##### 1. Religion

<sup>3</sup> For what the **law** was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, **God** did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 8:3 (NIV11)

- The law can't help us be a better \_\_\_\_\_
- The law givez us a grade - \_\_\_\_\_
- Approaching God through the law is our \_\_\_\_\_.  
But it eventually leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 2. Relationship

<sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, **because** you are not under the **law**, but under **grace**.

Romans 6:14 (NIV11)

- Living \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who **abide** in me and I in them bear much **fruit**, because apart from me you can do nothing.  
John 15:5 (NRSV)

- Not a \_\_\_\_\_ follower but a \_\_\_\_\_ abider

<sup>16</sup> So I say, **walk** by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the **desires** of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> But if you are **led** by the Spirit, you are not under the **law**. <sup>19</sup> The **acts** of the flesh are obvious:  
Galatians 5:16-19 (NIV11)

<sup>22</sup> But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.  
Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV11)

- An \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Jesus produces \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.  
Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV11)

#### Keeping in Step

- A \_\_\_\_\_ this new identity
- E \_\_\_\_\_ this new approach
- R \_\_\_\_\_ to interact with God on the basis of law.

#### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Give my life to Jesus so that I can begin to live a live where sin is not my master.
- Accept my new identity in Christ and embrace this new approach to living in relationship not by religion.
- To refuse to interact with God on the basis of law but under the basis of grace.
- Meditate on and or memorize John 15:5