

FREE
Pt. 4 - Lawless
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Our Mission:
**To lead people into a growing
relationship with Jesus Christ**

Here is Religion:

***You ought to
*You don't
*You're toast**

Common Law Religion:

**Don't harm others
Don't lie
Don't have sex
Care for the weaker**

Romans 7:15-16 (NIV)

^[15] I **do** not understand what I **do**. For what I want to **do** I **do** not **do**, but what I hate I **do**.

^[16] And if I **do** what I **do** not want to **do**, I agree that the **law** is good.

Romans 7:24 (NIV)

^[24] What a wretched man I am!

Who will rescue me
from this body of death?

Romans 7:25 (NIV)

^[25] Thanks be to God--**through** Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 8:3 (NIV)

^[3] For what the **law** was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, **God** did ...

**Approaching God through
the Law is our **default****

**But it eventually
leads to **defeat****

Romans 6:14 (NIV)

^[14] For sin shall not be your master, **because** you are not under **law**, but under **grace**.

John 15:5 (NIV)

^[5] "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man **remains** in me and I in him, he will bear much **fruit**; apart from me you can do nothing.

Galatians 5:16 (NIV)

^[16] So I say, *live* by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:17 (NIV)

^[17] For the sinful nature *desires* what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in *conflict* with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

Galatians 5:18 (NIV)

^[18] But if you are *led* by the Spirit, you are not under *law*.

Galatians 5:19 (NIV)

^[19] The *acts* of the sinful nature are obvious: ...

Galatians 5:22 (NIV)

^[22] But the *fruit* of the Spirit...

**Fruit: produced *in* and
through, not *by* us.**

^[22] But the *fruit* of the Spirit...is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 (NIV)

^[23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no *law*.

Galatians 5:24 (NIV)

^[24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:25 (NIV)

^[25] Since we *live by* the Spirit, let us *keep in step with* the Spirit.

**Keeping in Step
Vs.
Keeping the Law**

1. ***Accept*** your NEW identity
2. ***Embrace*** this NEW approach
3. ***Refuse*** to interact with God on the basis of Law

**“I did it again”
“I got out of Step”**

**The Christian life
is not about
imitating Christ**