

# **Survey of Romans & Introduction to Biblical Interpretation**

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## Theme Verses of Romans:

<sup>16</sup>I am not ashamed of the gospel, **for** it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

<sup>17</sup>**For** in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous by faith will live.”

(Romans 1:16-17, NASB adapted)

## What is saving faith *fully convinced* about?

[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

(Romans 4:24-25, ESV).

**1. God—He keeps his promises.**

**2. God has provided the way that I can become righteous.**

- I have done bad deeds.
- My deeds matter; bad deeds are deadly.
- Apart from Christ, I am not in right standing with God.
- Apart from Christ, I will receive God's wrath.
- Jesus died: His death is God's plan for dealing with my sins.
- Jesus rose: His resurrection is God's way to give me right standing with Him.
- Jesus is my Lord—master, boss, ruler—possessing all power and authority, and deserving all my obedience.



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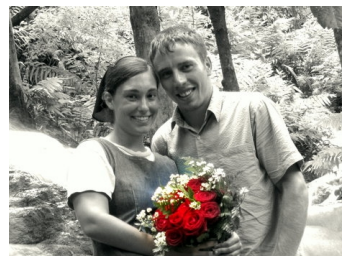
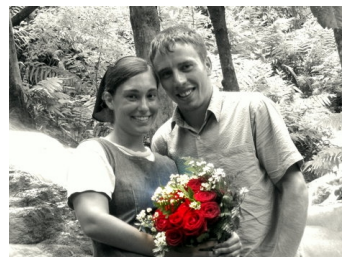
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5:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_ **Justification Gives Us Blessings Now and Hope for the Future...**

5:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Peace with God, grace, joyful hope of glory to come*

5:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_ *Joy in suffering, which only increases our hope*

5:5-8 \_\_\_\_\_ **...Because of the Love That God Has Already:**

5:5 \_\_\_\_\_ *1) Poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit;*

5:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ *2) Shown when Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*

5:9-11 \_\_\_\_\_ **If God Loved His Enemies, He Will Certainly Spare His Friends**

**Past**

- Justified by faith
- Began in grace
- God's love poured within our hearts
- Gift of Holy Spirit
  - Christ died for the ungodly
- God demonstrated His love
  - Jesus died for God's enemies



**Present**

- Peace with God
- Stand in grace
- Exult in hope
- Exult in tribulations
  - Perseverance
  - Proven character
  - More hope
- Exult in God because we are at peace with Him



**Future**

- Glory of God
- Saved from God's wrath
- Jesus' life will save God's friends

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5:12 \_\_\_\_\_ Just as Adam's Evil Deed Brought Sin and Death to All Men...

5:13-17 \_\_\_\_\_ (Clarifications and Contrasts)

5:13-14 \_\_\_\_\_ *Sin and death existed even before the Law made men guilty*

5:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_ *Contrasts between Adam's trespass and Christ's gift*

5:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_ ...So Christ's Righteous Deed Brought Righteousness and Eternal Life to All Men

5:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_ The Law Made Sin Increase, But Grace Increased Even More Through Christ

## How does Adam's sin affect us?

### Yes

1. Presence of sin
2. Loss of innocence
3. Physical death

*Secondarily...*

In this “climate” of sin,  
we all sin and  
face God's wrath.

### No

1. Guilt for Adam's sin
2. Punishment for Adam's sin
3. Irreparable bondage to sin

**“Original righteousness”:**

*Christ frees us more  
certainly and completely  
than Adam left us bound!*

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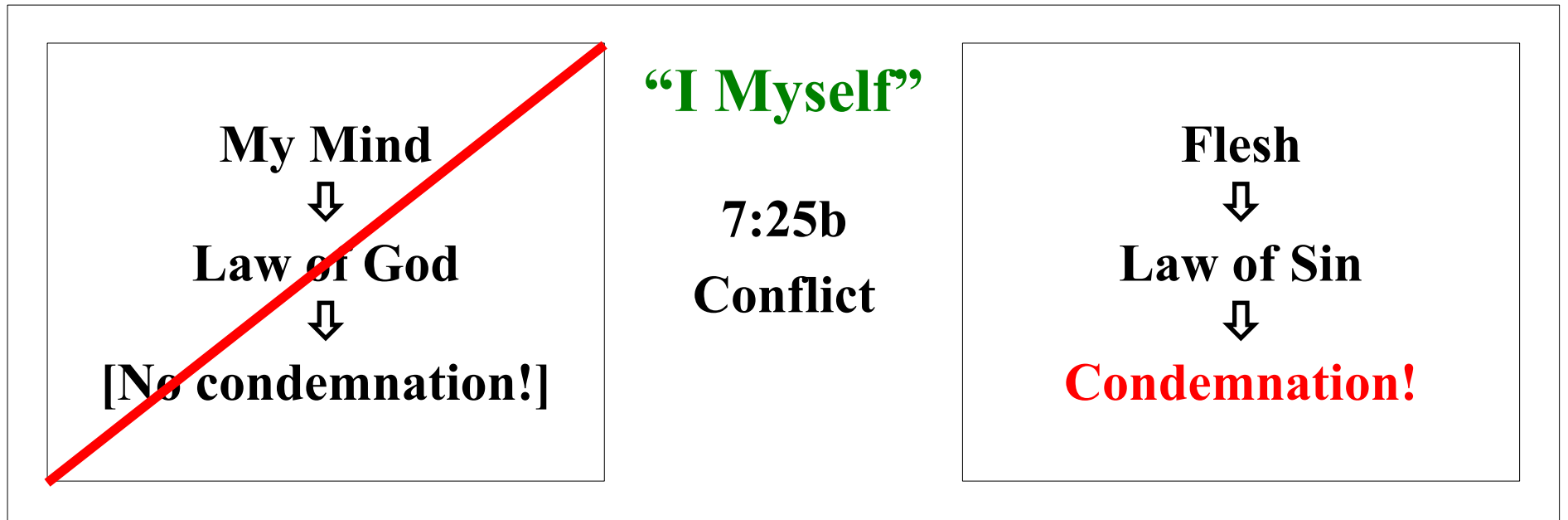
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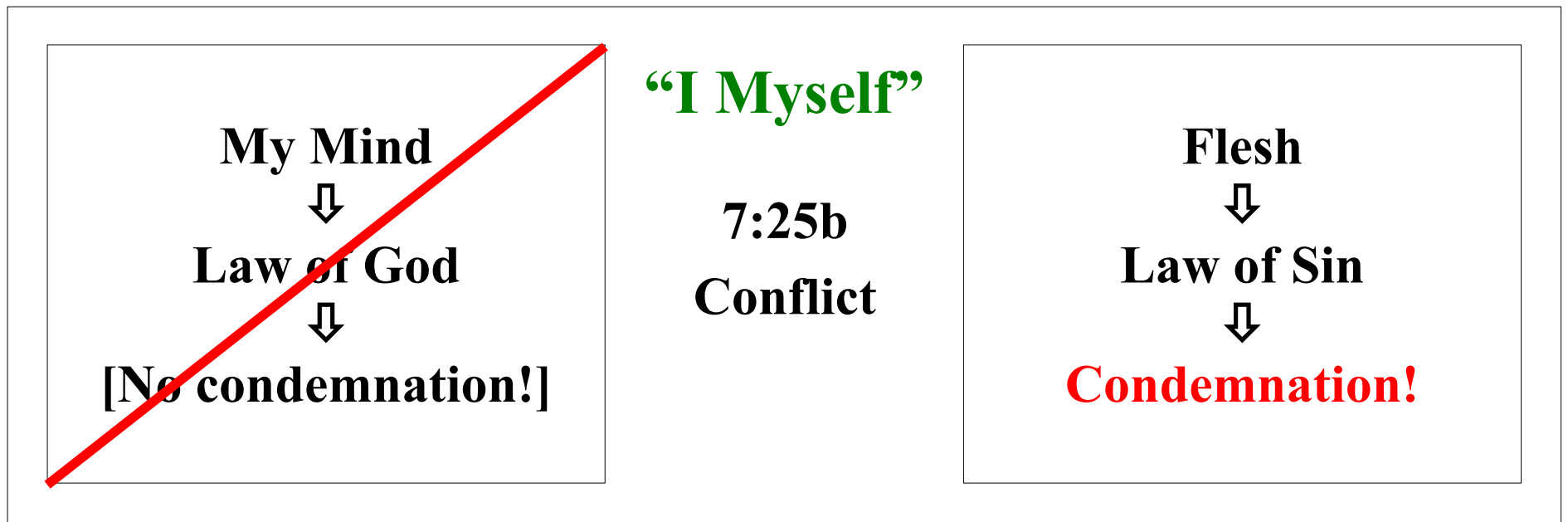
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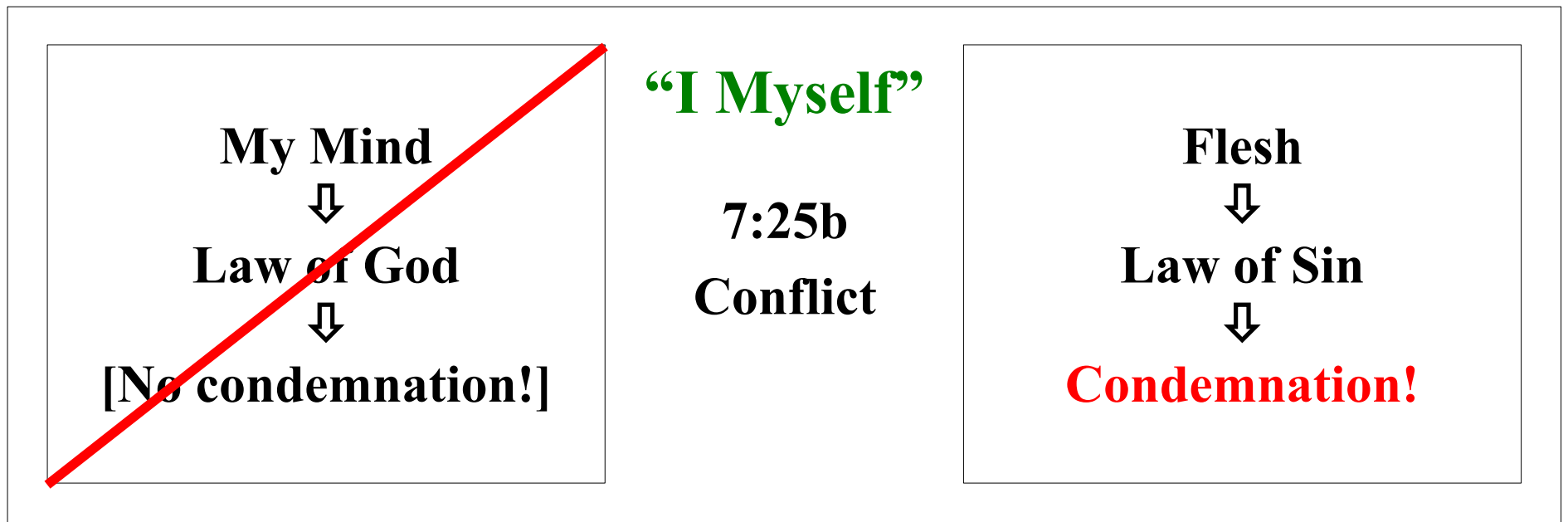
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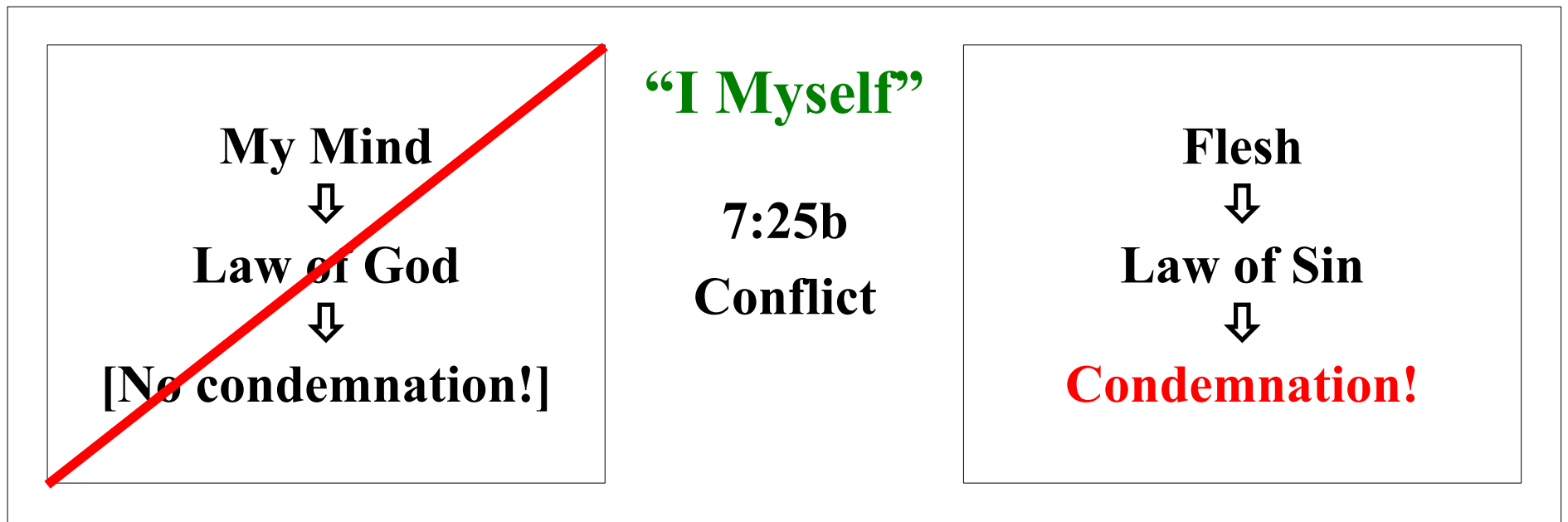
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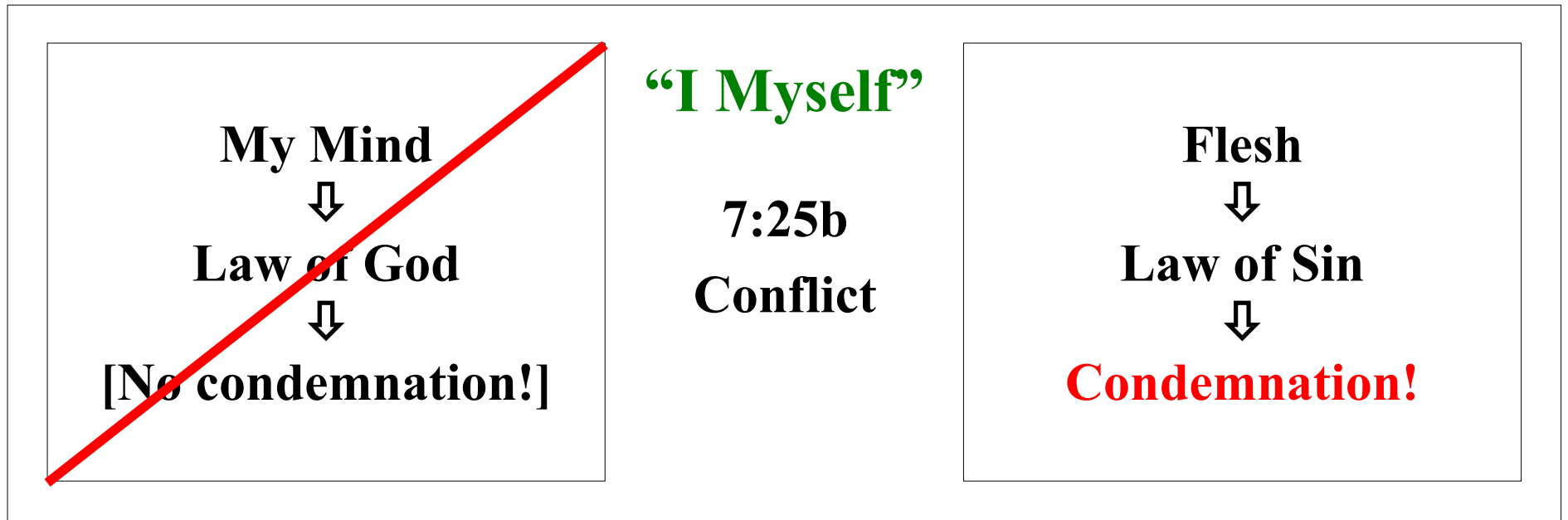
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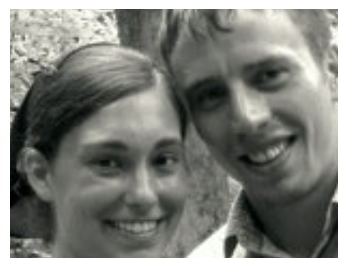
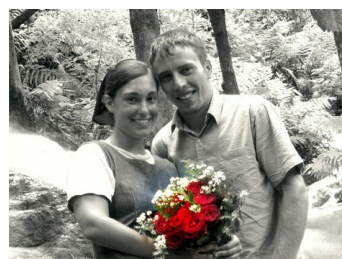
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