

# LIVING THE NEW COVENANT

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- 2 Born of the spirit
- 3 A more excellent ministry
- 4 United with him in his resurrection**

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**breaking God's law is of no moral consequence**

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## ROM 6:2

<sup>2</sup> We died to sin. How can we live in it any longer?



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## **ROM 6:5**

<sup>5</sup> If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

## COL 3:1

<sup>1</sup> Since then **you HAVE BEEN RAISED with Christ**, set your hearts on things above ...

## ROM 6:10-11

<sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves **DEAD TO SIN** but **ALIVE TO GOD** in Christ Jesus



**Spiritual  
resurrection**

## **PHIL 3:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ (NOW) and the power of his resurrection (NOW) and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings (NOW), becoming like him in his death (NOW), <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, to attain to the (physical) resurrection from the dead (THEN)



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### **IN CHRIST WE HAVE A CHOICE**

#### **ROM 6:16**

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

## ROM 6:17-18

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**Saved not just from  
THE PENALTY OF SIN  
- saved also from  
THE POWER OF SIN**



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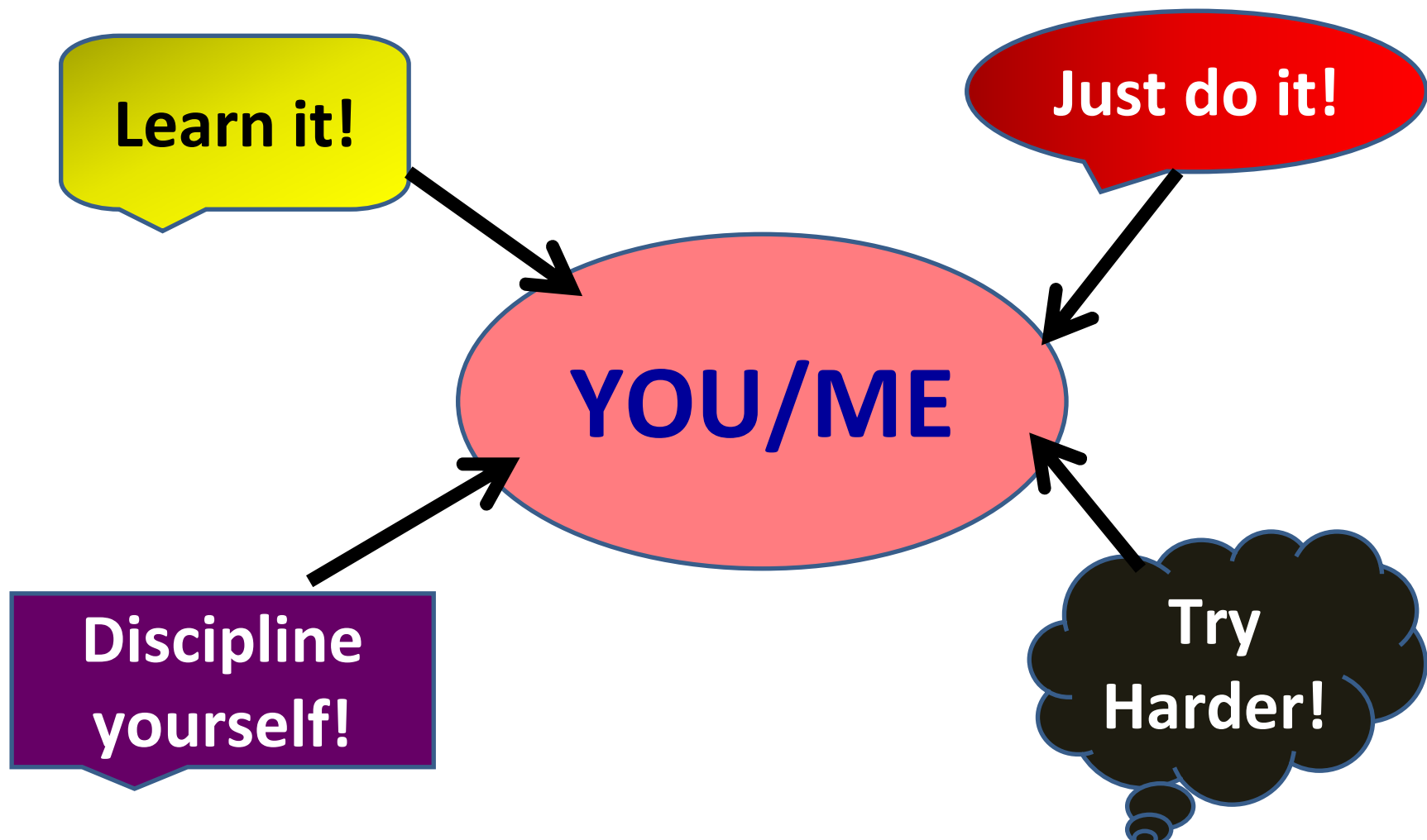
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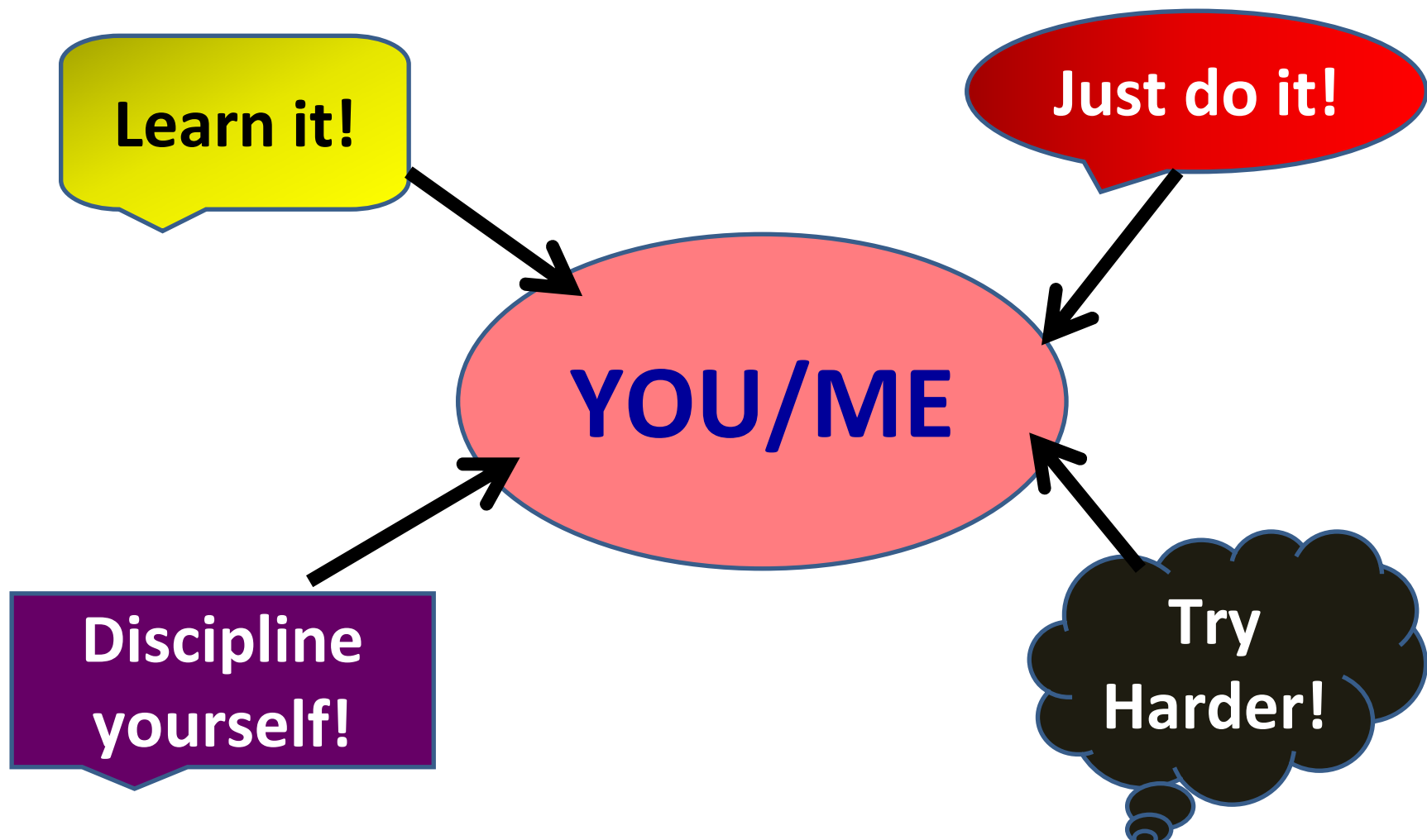
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## **ROM 7:12**

<sup>12</sup> So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good ...

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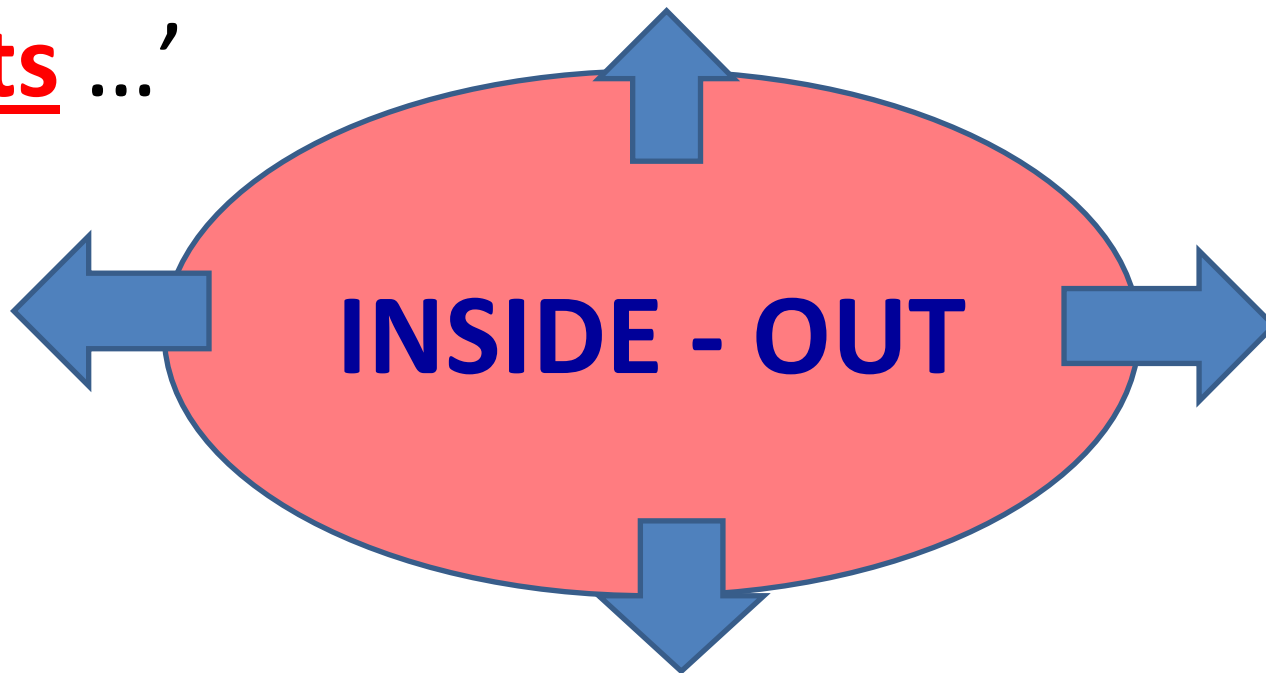
<sup>7</sup> If there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. <sup>8</sup> But God found fault with the people and said: ‘The time is coming when I will make a new covenant ... <sup>9</sup> It will not be like the (old) covenant ... because they did not remain faithful ...

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<sup>10</sup> 'This is the covenant ... 'I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. **I will be their God and they will be my people** ... **they will all know me** from the least to the greatest ... **I will forgive their wickedness** and **remember their sins no more**'. By calling this covenant 'new' he has made the first one obsolete and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

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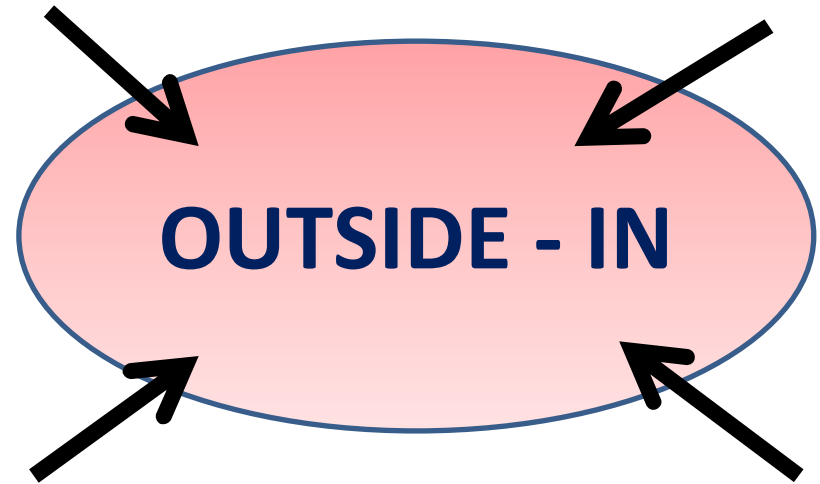
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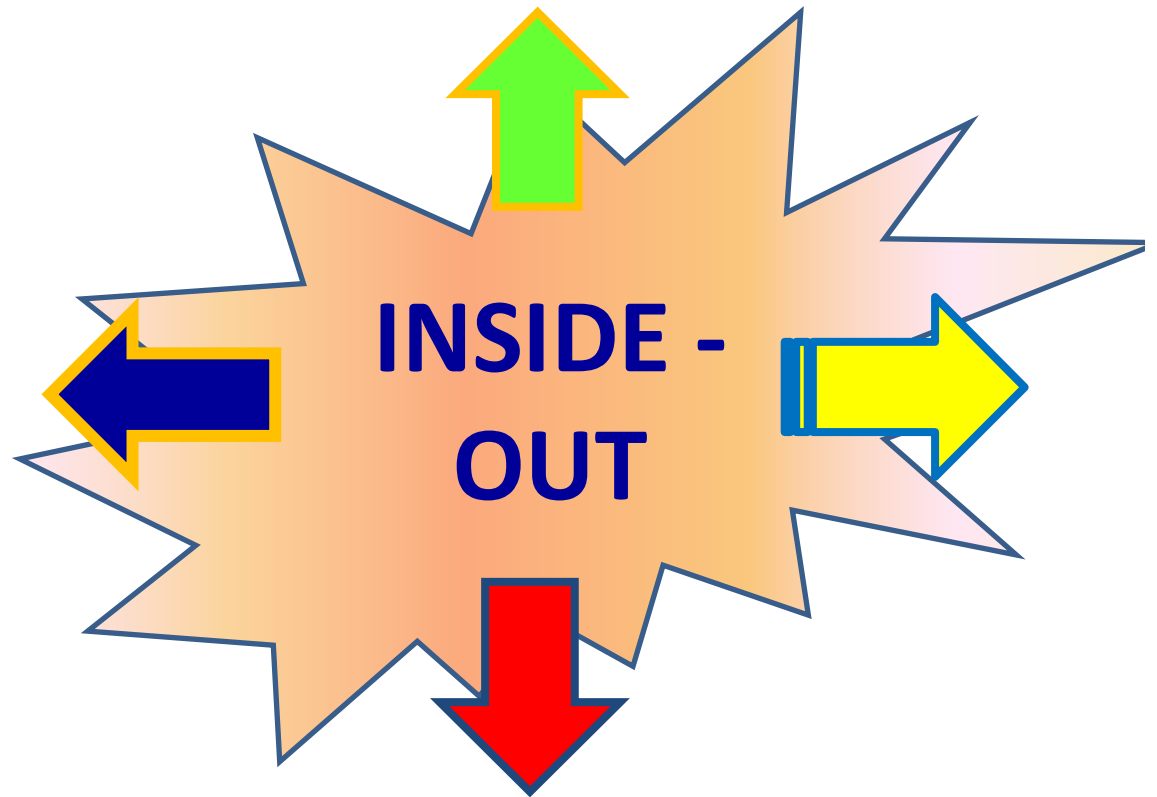
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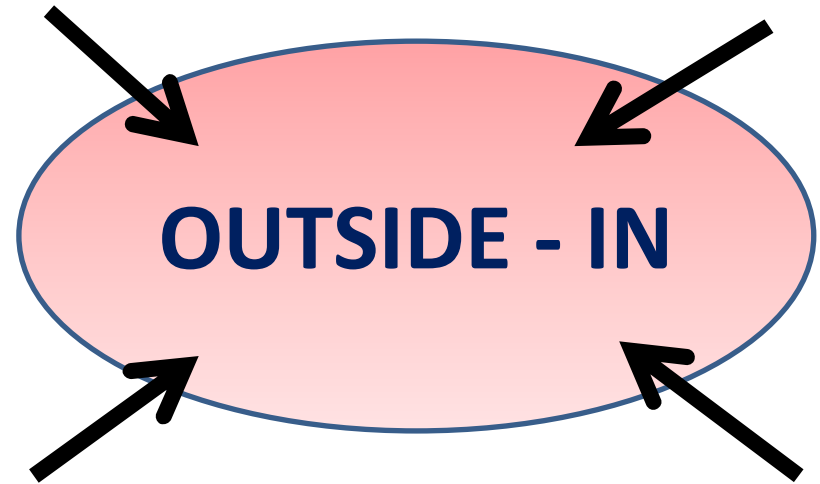
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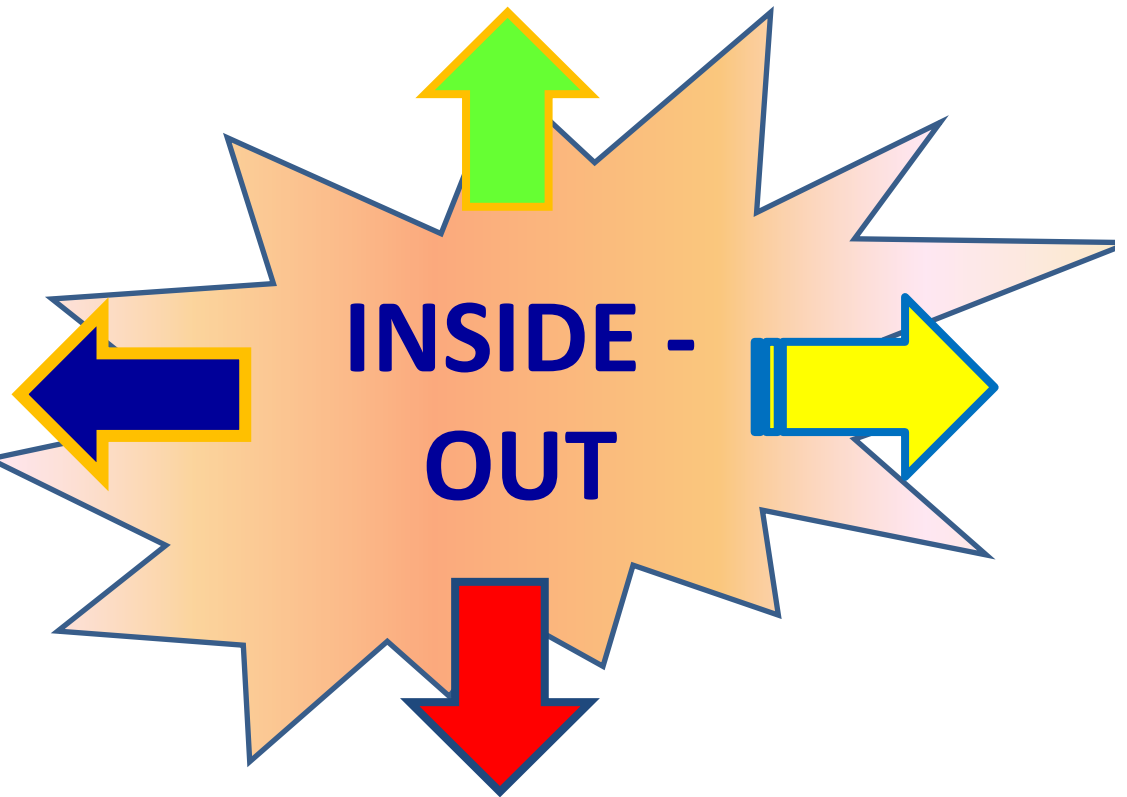
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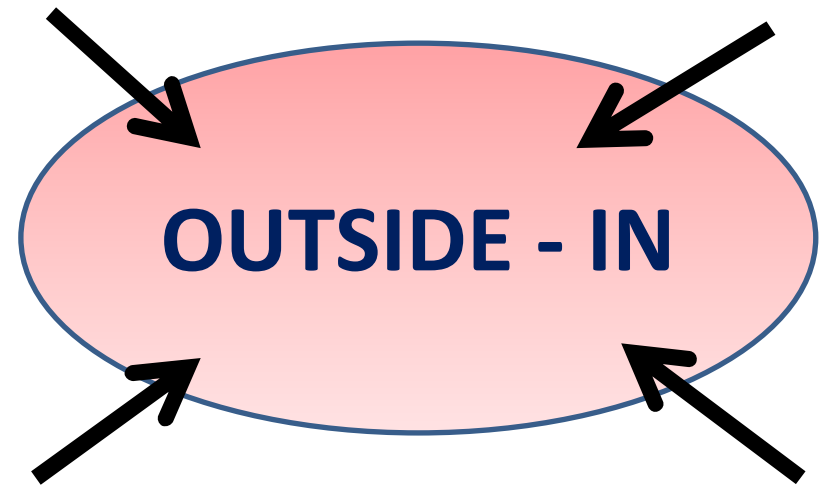
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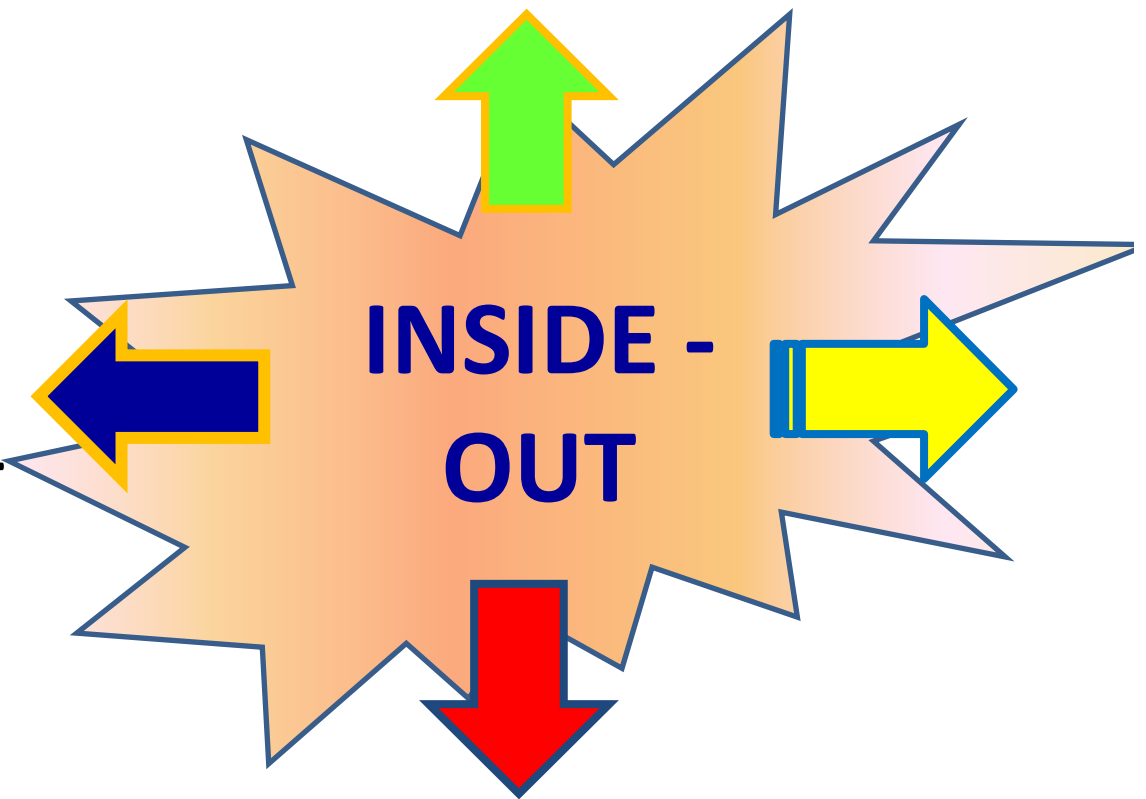
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Old covenant  
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**YOU CAN'T !**



New covenant  
NEW TESTAMENT  
**GOD CAN !**



## **ROM 7:4**

**4** So my brothers, **you also died to the law** through the body of Christ ... **in order (to) bear fruit to God.**

## ROM 7:6

<sup>6</sup> ... by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that **we now serve in the new way of the Spirit**, and not in the old way of the written code.

## **ROM 7:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> ... for the good I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate, this is what I do ... <sup>18</sup> I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For what I do is not the good I want to do: no, the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me.”

## ROM 7:14-15 etc

<sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual ... **but I**  
**am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin** ... <sup>15</sup>

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good, but **I** cannot carry it out ... ETC ... ..  
*(through to v 24)*

**ROMANS 7:14-24 simply describe –**

- ✓ **what things are simply like**
- ✓ **for simple men and women**
- ✓ **simply in Adam**



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- ✓ Count ourselves dead to sin
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- ✓ **NOT let sin be our master**

IN CHRIST we:

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✓ **We have been set free from sin and become slaves to righteousness instead**

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- ✓ We used to be slaves to sin – but no longer!
- ✓ We have been set free from sin and become slaves to righteousness instead
- ✓ **As slaves to God, the benefit we reap leads to holiness and the result is eternal life**

## **ROM 7:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God – (it is) **through**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord.**