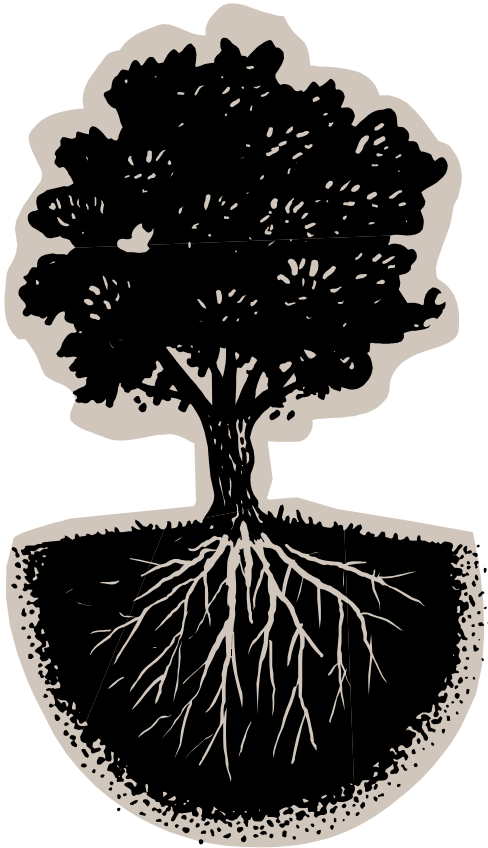


## Helpful Illustrations

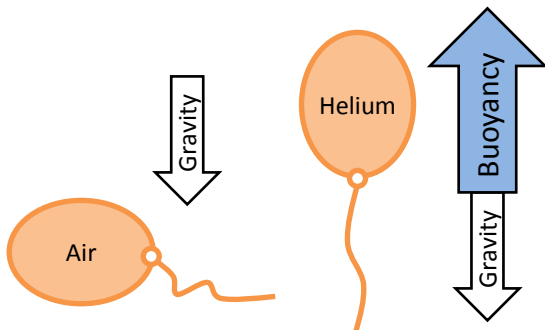


### **Fruit – What I've Done**

- Romans 1:18 – 3:20 “All have sinned”; the fruit is our sins.
- Romans 3:21 – 5:11 - God is just in justifying the sinner because Christ put those sins away at Calvary.
- Justification of the sinner occurs when there is faith in Jesus.
- Justification occurs by God counting (or “reckoning”) the sinner to be righteous, even though by works he is guilty.

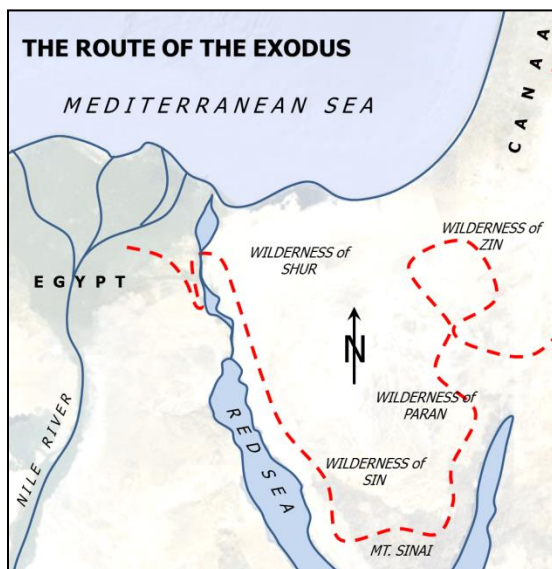
### **Root – What I Am**

- We have an old nature “sin that dwelleth in me” which wants to sin.
- The work of Christ has not only provided deliverance from sin but also from the power of the sin nature.
- When Christ died, He wrought a victory over the power of sin, and effectively, the sin nature is now powerless.
- By laying hold of this truth we find deliverance – something which will never come by our efforts on the basis of law. We do this by “reckoning ourselves dead to sin”.
- When we were quickened we got a new life that cannot sin. Once we have the intelligence of our salvation, we are “sealed” by the Holy Spirit, and He becomes the power of the new life (Romans 8).



### **The Two Laws**

- When a balloon is filled with helium, the principle of buoyancy overcomes (sets the balloon free from) the principle of gravity.
- The new principle (“the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus”) overcomes the power of the old principle (“the law of sin and death”) [Romans 8:2].



### **The Passover and the Red Sea**

- Egypt is a picture of the world, Pharaoh is a picture of Satan, and the Egyptian Army is a picture of the power of sin.
- Israel (a picture of a sinner) was in bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt.
- The Passover night is a picture of the work of Christ on the cross to pay for our sins. On the Passover night, the people of Israel began to leave Egypt.
- Then Pharaoh changed his mind and followed them to the edge of the Red Sea. They didn't have deliverance from Pharaoh yet. (Exodus 14 corresponds to Romans 7.)
- They went through the Red Sea (a picture of Christ's death for us). Pharaoh and his armies tried to follow, but were drowned (picturing Christ's victory over the power of sin). We lay hold of this truth by “reckoning ourselves dead to sin” and we find deliverance from sin. The Song of Deliverance – Exodus 15.