

## Romans

### Chapter 7

Law has dominion over someone as long as they live. Under the power of it. Compares it to a married woman. Released with death. Same with us. We are dead through the Law so we can be married to another. Christ. So we can bear fruit.

7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

We are not under law but delivered from it. We are delivered from the power of the law which curses and condemns us for the sin committed by us. The sentence of the law against us is vacated and reversed, by the death of Christ.

The Law says we should die but we are delivered from the law. We are redeemed from the curse of the Law Gal 3:13.

7: 5-6 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. Jer 31:31-34

The Law can irritate us and provoke sin. It commands, condemns, threatens but offers no cure or relief. Provides no healing. Grace gives pardon, strength, encouragement. We are under of Covenant of Grace through Christ rather than the Covenant of Law from Moses.

Paul refers to this as new life and now also new marriage.

V 7-14: The Law is NOT sin or bad in some way. It shows us our sin. God is Holy and Just so His Law must be also. It directs and guides. It encourages holiness. Does not have a remedy.

But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

Different Covenant; different relationship. Christ answered the demands of the Law. Made satisfaction. We don't have the yoke of the law. It was smashed. Isaiah 9: 3-6

Now we can bring forth fruit in a much better way. It is freedom rather than drudgery. We can serve God without fear and in holiness and righteousness. We can worship in joy and freedom. Behind the veil. Separation is gone.

Law helps us recognize sin. Was meant to bring life but brought death. Law has to be holy because it is from God. Revelation of Himself. The design of it is good. Would bring perfect peace and relationships with Him and with each other. Law is spiritual but we are carnal. Law given by God; holy. Penetrates us and discerns thoughts of the heart. Shows us our faults, failings and weaknesses. The law is a schoolmaster that drives us to the Cross. Paul had been a Pharisee. Writes so much here that he is consumed by this.

The Law is spiritual *but* we are carnal. Law was meant for good. But we have sin nature. Law shows us our shortcomings. Sin produces death; not the Law. Law was meant for life but fallen nature causes death. Law even produces evil desires in us. Law cannot break the power of sin.

Gal 5:17

Paul explains that we cannot understand how we behave. *We do what we don't want to do and don't do what we want to do.* Sin nature. When we do good we still have evil within us. I do bad things then I hate it. Sin within me does things. BUT, he also understands that he is doing wrong. Knows the Law is right and just. He does not blame the Law. The Law is not unreasonable; I am corrupt.

I love God's law and delight in it (David Psalm 119:15) but I can't conform to its demands. So, I want to obey but my nature is in charge.

7: 19-20 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

Has a desire to love God and obey His commandments and laws but doesn't do it.

For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

But I see *another* law in my members, *warring* against the law of my mind, and bringing me into *captivity* to the law of sin which is in my members. Keep falling into sin. Constant warfare. Soul cannot completely free itself. This is where we *all* are living and working.

V 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! Otherwise this would be our ruin. His Sacrifice. Advocate and Mediator with the Father. He has purchased deliverance. Paul gives emphatic thanks.

Triumph of Grace over sin. The Law cannot deliver us fro

So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

The constant conflict within us because of our sin nature. We want to serve (mind) but we also sin (flesh.) We realize this. They are at war.