

B. The Law was \_\_\_\_\_ to empower man's good intentions.

*For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.*

ROMANS 7:15-20

C. The Law was unable to end man's \_\_\_\_\_ and despair.

*I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.*

ROMANS 7:21-25

“Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

*For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

ROMANS 8:3-4

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Message #9  
*From Legalism to Life*  
ROMANS 7

- Part 1 Romans 6 “Freed from Sin”
- Part 2 Romans 7 “Freedom From the Law”
- Part 3 Romans 8:1-25 “Victory in the Spirit”

Key Issue: What is the role of the old covenant Law to the new covenant believer?

MAIN IDEA: CHRIST HAS SET US FREE FROM THE FAILINGS OF THE LAW TO EXPERIENCE THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

I. THE SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LAW HAS BEEN REPLACED BY A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD  
ROMANS 7:1-6

A. With Christ we can bear fruit for God (obedience).

*Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long*

*as he lives? For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.*

ROMANS 7:1-4

B. Under the Law, man bore fruit for death (sin).

*For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.*

ROMANS 7:5

C. With Christ, the key to our success is the Holy Spirit (set up for Chapter 8).

*But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.*

ROMANS 7:6

*For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*

ROMANS 6:14

Parenthetical Romans 7:7-7:25

II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LAW WAS TO REVEAL  
GOD'S HOLINESS AND EXPOSE MAN'S SIN ROMANS 7:7-13

A. The Law revealed sin to Paul. ROMANS 7:7

*What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."*

ROMANS 7:7

Note: Paul was a devout Jew before he came to Christ. He was seeking to obey God in the power of his own efforts. See Philippians 3:1-11, Galatians 1

B. The Law aroused sinful desires in Paul. ROMANS 7:8-9

*But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead. I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;*

ROMANS 7:8-9

C. The Law aroused sinful behavior in Paul. ROMANS 7:10-13

*...and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.*

ROMANS 7:10-13

Sin is so sinful, it can take something good and bring evil results.

III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LAW TO EMPOWER  
VICTORY OVER SIN'S POWER ROMANS 7:14-25

A. The Law was unable to deliver man from sin's bondage.

*For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.*

ROMANS 7:14