

# Lesson 5, ROMANS 6 & 7

I love the next two chapters of Romans. They let you into the thought process of Paul. These two chapters seem to be Paul's responses to challenging questions that he encountered as he was clarifying doctrine. Remember, Paul is addressing this letter to Christians in Rome many of whom were of Jewish heritage. We will see in further chapters that Paul has a passion to convince his fellow Jewish brothers that Christ is the long-awaited Messiah.

1. In response to those believers who think that grace means we can go on sinning, Paul's response is in Romans 6:1-14. Compare these verses to 2 Corinthians 5:17 and 2 Corinthians 3:16-17.

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2. The idea of living a sinless life can seem overwhelming. Read 1 Peter 1:15,16. What do these verses say about our holiness. Define holy. What is the role of the Holy Spirit according to John 16:7-11?

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3. Paul seems to turn to those who followed the law of Moses, the Jews. The second question Paul addresses is about the law (of Moses). "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace?" (Verse 6:15). How does Paul answer this? We are emancipation people freed from the bondage of sin. What does that mean in your life? How does this encourage you?

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4. Read Romans 7:1-6. Paul answers the question for Jews about the viability of the law only as long as one is alive. What does Paul use as his argument?

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5. Read Romans 7:7-14. Paul states the reason for the law. What is it?

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6. Verses 15-25 are hilarious. They give me hope for my struggle with sin. Paul, the greatest evangelist of all time, struggles with sin. Read through these verses. What is the answer according to verses 24,25?

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**APPLICATION:** We all struggle with sin even after we come to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of whatever sin is plaguing you. Then write out a prayer allowing the Holy Spirit to do its work to set you free.

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**PRAYER:** Holy Father, we long to be all you have called us to be, but sin does get in our way. Give us the nudging of the Holy Spirit so that we can say 'no' to sin and say 'yes' to your will in our lives. Thank you for your Son and his obedience to you that gave us access into your throne room and your very presence. We ask this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.