



THE FIGHT WITHIN

GOSPEL LIFE: ROMANS SERIES: EPISODE 7 OF 16

Romans 7

MAIN IDEA: 🖱️ **THE LAW REVEALS OUR PROBLEM, BUT ONLY CHRIST DELIVERS US FROM IT.**

1. THE LAW RELEASES US WHEN DEATH OCCURS

📖 **Romans 7:1–6 - Key Thought:** DEATH ENDS A LEGAL OBLIGATION. *...the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives... 7:1*

A married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law concerning the husband... 7:2

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... 7:3

...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... 7:4

BELIEVERS DIED TO THE LAW THROUGH CHRIST'S DEATH. WE ARE NOW JOINED TO CHRIST.

...that we might bear fruit for God. 7:4

<i>BEFORE CHRIST</i>	<i>IN CHRIST</i>
BOUND TO LAW	RELEASED FROM LAW
SERVING IN THE FLESH	SERVING IN THE SPIRIT
PRODUCES DEATH	PRODUCES FRUIT

While we were in the flesh, the sinful passions... were at work in our members to bear fruit for death... 7:5

But now we have been released from the Law... so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. 7:6

➡️ **WE NOW LIVE IN RELATIONSHIP, NOT REGULATION.**

2. THE LAW REVEALS SIN BUT CANNOT REMOVE IT

📖 **Romans 7:7–13**
What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! 7:7

THE LAW IS HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, AND GOOD.

So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. 7:12

IT REVEALS SIN.

I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, You shall not covet. But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind. 7:7-8

...through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful... 7:13

➡️ **THE LAW DIAGNOSES; IT DOES NOT CURE.**

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3. THE LAW CANNOT DEFEAT THE POWER OF SIN

Romans 7:14–25

The Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. 7:14

For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I want to do...The good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. 7:15-19

DESIRE

REALITY

I WANT TO OBEY GOD

SIN STILL LIVES IN ME

I DELIGHT IN GOD'S LAW

I FAIL TO KEEP IT

I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in my members... making me a prisoner of the law of sin 7:22–23

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 7:24

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord — Romans 7:25

DELIVERANCE IS A PERSON, NOT A RULE.

SUMMARY

- 1 THE LAW CANNOT SAVE YOU**
- 2 THE LAW EXPOSES SIN**
- 3 ONLY JESUS DELIVERS FROM SIN**



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