

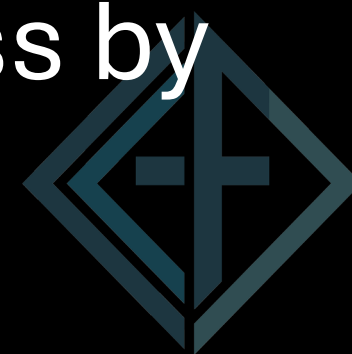
Recap of Romans Chapter 1-6

Ch. 1 – The slippery slope of unbelief

Ch. 2 – We're all in the same sinking boat

Ch. 3 – Righteousness by faith not works

Ch. 4 – It's always been righteousness by
faith



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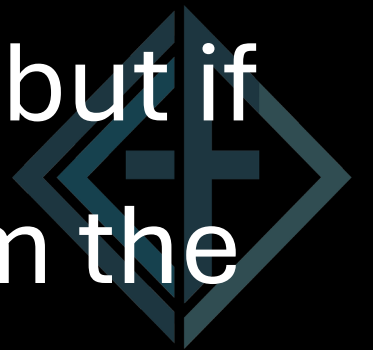
Ch. 5 – Peace with God for those under Christ

Ch. 6 – Slaves to righteousness or our sin nature



Romans 7:1-25

¹ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the



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law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.



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⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful



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passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the



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written code.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not



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covet.”⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I



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died. ¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and



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righteous and good.

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become



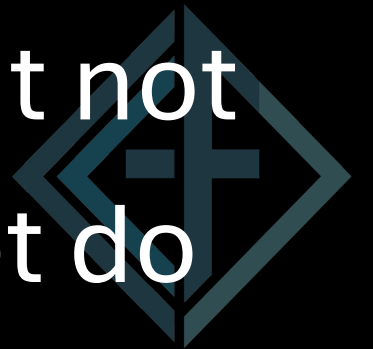
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sinful beyond measure. ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I



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agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do



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the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I



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delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this



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body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



Leader: **The Word of the Lord**
Congregation: **Amen! Praise be to God!**



Sin and The Sin Nature

Sin = Actions, thoughts and attitudes that violate God's perfect standards of holiness, righteousness, and morality.

Sin Nature = The disposition to sin.



Romans 7:4

⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.



Romans 6:6

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.



Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Colossians 3:3

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



The Law's Relationship With Sin and Our Sin Nature

1. The Law **exposes** sin.



Romans 7:7

⁷ ...if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. **For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”**



The Law's Relationship With Sin and Our Sin Nature

1. The Law **arouses** our sin nature.

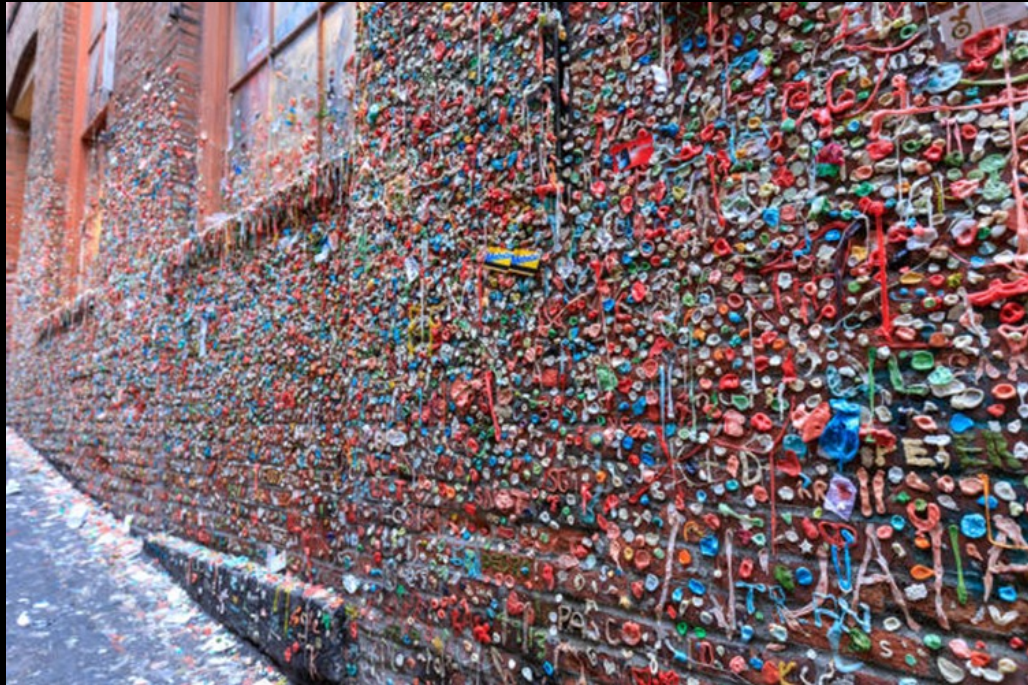


Romans 7:5

⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, **our sinful passions, aroused by the law**, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.



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Romans 7:14

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but **I**
am of the flesh, sold under sin.



Romans 7:15

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions.
For I do not do what I want, but I do the
very thing I hate.



Romans 7:18-19

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.



Romans 7:22-23

²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.



1 Corinthians 4:1-4

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In



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fact, I do not even judge myself. **4 For I am not aware of anything against myself**, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.



How we can live in victory over our sin nature

1. Victory begins with deliverance through Christ



Romans 7:24-25

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



How we can live in victory over our sin nature

1. Victory begins with deliverance through Christ.
2. Remember that victory is bearing fruit, not just avoiding sin.



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How we can live in victory over our sin nature

1. Victory begins with deliverance through Christ.
2. Remember that victory is bearing fruit, not just avoiding sin.
3. Victory requires being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit.



Romans 7:6

⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the **Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code.



Application

1. Remind yourself that you died and are now a new creation.
2. Ask the Lord how you can bear kingdom fruit.

