

**Ivy Baptist Church**  
**Wednesday Bible Study**  
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**The Book of Romans Part 14 (Romans 7:13-25)**

**Summary of Romans 1-6**

- Romans 1: The gospel of Jesus Christ
- Justification by faith introduced.
- Romans 2: No favoritism with God
- The Jews have no advantage with God!
- Romans 3: All are guilty before God
- No one has the right to boast in God because of obedience to the Law, because NO ONE is capable of obeying all of God's laws (sin).
- Romans 4: Justification by faith, an Old Testament concept
- Abraham and David were declared righteous with God, because of their FAITH, not because of their deeds.
- Romans 5: The benefits of being saved
- Peace with God, access to His grace, purpose in trials, etc.
- Romans 6: Dead to sin; alive in Christ
- Christians, through union with Christ, "die to sin" and become "slaves of God" reaping holiness as a benefit.

**Romans 7:1-12 Summary:**

- Romans 7:1-6 focuses on the fact that we (Christians) have been delivered/freed from the law
- The believer has died to the law through Christ Jesus, now we can "legally" belong to another (God) and bear fruit for Him.
- Romans 7:7-8 focuses on whether or not the law is sinful; Paul answers, "certainly not"...the law is not sinful because through it, we came to understand what sin really is.
- Paul says that the law defines sin
- Romans 7:9-11 focuses on how sin used the law to its advantage and converted an instrument of life, into an instrument of death
- Romans 7:12 definitively states that the law is holy, righteous, and good

**Today's Lesson: Romans 7:13-25**

- The main thought of Romans 7 is that believers no longer live under the condemnation of the law.
- Verses 13-25 focuses on what the law was not able to do, specifically in the life of a Christian/believer
- Chapter 7 is a further elaboration on the "sin discussion" of Chapter 6, especially verse 14.
- To understand the significance of Chapter 7, we must understand the correlation between sin and the law.

**Romans 7:13**

- Question: Has then what is good become death to me?
- Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
- It was not the law that produced \_\_\_\_\_; it was sin that produced \_\_\_\_\_.
- The law revealed \_\_\_\_\_ in it's true light, that it might appear as \_\_\_\_\_.

- Sin showed it's "\_\_\_\_\_ " in using that which was good to produce death.
- Now we can see how "\_\_\_\_\_ " that sin really is.
- Until we realize how \_\_\_\_\_ sin really is, we will never want to oppose it and live in victory.

### **Romans 7:14**

- Paul speaks of a concept/principle that is already understood and accepted by his readers.
- The law comes from God who is \_\_\_\_\_ and expresses His will for human living.
- The Problem: I am fleshly/unspiritual and I am "sold under sin".
- Paul understood that he was a "person of \_\_\_\_\_" as opposed to the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the law.
- He also understood that he had become like a slave in his \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.
- At some point it became the Law of God in opposition to the law/principle of sin.

### **Romans 7:15-20 (Context warning; Paul is speaking as it relates to living by the law as a believer)**

- Paul uses his personal experience to convey his \_\_\_\_\_ in trying to live as a Christian/believer by the law.
- Paul's desire was to do what was \_\_\_\_\_ but he was not empowered through the law, to do so.
- The law could provide no \_\_\_\_\_ for Paul's situation.
- Even in the midst of this "sinful situation" he was a witness to the fact that the \_\_\_\_\_ was good.

### **Romans 7:21-23**

- At this point Paul begins to draw some conclusions.
- One conclusion is that Paul has found that there is a "law" or principle of ever-present \_\_\_\_\_ whenever he wants to do good.
- He also concludes that "deep down in his heart" his \_\_\_\_\_ was for the law of God. He is happy for the law that comes from God.
- Although he is happy for the law that comes from God, he sees the law/principle of sin fighting against the law of God, inside of him; it is holding him \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Romans 7:24-25**

- **Verse 24:** A \_\_\_\_\_ man is one that is miserable, pitiful or worthless.
- He felt hopelessly \_\_\_\_\_ to something that was leading to death.
- **Verse 25:** In Jesus Christ, we have the victory
- We serve God with the "inward man"...the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person.
- We still wrestle with \_\_\_\_\_ through our \_\_\_\_\_, although we are no longer bound to "the law."

### **Roman Road to Salvation (so far). How to lead someone to Christ by select verses in Romans:**

- **Romans 1:16:** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, the Jew first and then the Greek.
- **Romans 3:23:** For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
- **Romans 5:8:** For God demonstrated His own love toward us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- **Romans 6:23:** For the wages of sin is death, but the give of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Apply: What did I learn in today's lesson that I need to develop in my relationship with God?**

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