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Romans 7 – The Law Brings Knowledge of Sin

# Overview of Romans…

## Chapter 1: God’s Power to Save; the Unrighteousness of the Gentiles.

## Chapter 2: Indictment of the Jews.

## Chapter 3: All Have Sinned, But by Faith in Christ All Can Be Righteous.

## Chapter 4: Example of Abraham’s Faith.

## Chapter 5: The Blessings of Justification; Christ is Greater Than Adam.

## Chapter 6: We Are Slaves of Righteousness.

## Chapter 7: The Law Brings Knowledge of Sin

**Intro:**

## As we study chapter 7, keep in mind the thoughts presented in chapter 6 relating to law and grace (forgiveness).

### When one is baptized into the death of Christ, the old man of sin is crucified and he is thereby made free from the rule of sin. 6:3-7

### Those who are raised with Christ no longer allow sin to reign in their lives, but instead serve righteousness. 6:4, 11-14, 16-18

### Sin does not have dominion over the saved, for they are under grace and not law (or the law). 6:14

### When one becomes a Christian, he is entering a new life free from the slavery of sin.

### As we study chapter 7, we need to remember that it immediately follows 6. – Rom. 7:14, 6:12, 8:6

### We must also understand who he is speaking to. – Rom. 7:1; Acts 15:5

### A big question in the mind of the Jews was how all of this was going to work.

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# THE JEWISH CHRISTIAN AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAW.

## A PARALLEL TO MARRIAGE. – Rom. 7:1-3

### Here Paul is speaking to Christians who came out of Judaism and he appeals to their knowledge of the law. – 1 Cor. 7:39

###  This parallel is drawn to illustrate how law has dominion over those who live under it. – Rom. 7:1b; Col. 2:13-14

## THEY HAD DIED TO THE LAW. – Rom. 7:4-6

### Now they can be married to Christ. – Rom. 7:4a; Gal. 2:19-20

### They can now serve in newness of the Spirit which is far superior to serving in the oldness of the letter. – Rom 7:6

# THE LAW WASN’T SINFUL. – Rom. 7:7-12

## THE LAW DID NOT CAUSE THEM TO SIN.

### It revealed their actions as being sin.

### The Law did not cause Paul to covet. It helped him to understand what his actions really were.

### Sometimes we hesitate to share The Gospel with others because we don’t want to reveal their actions to them as sinful.

### Divine Law does not produce sin, but sin uses the law to stir within us desires that go against God’s will. – Rom. 7:8

## THERE WAS A TIME WHEN PAUL WAS ALIVE WITHOUT THE LAW. – Rom. 7:9

### When? Before he was accountable. – Mat. 19:14; Deut. 1:39

### Ultimately the commandment comes with maturity and understanding. – Rom. 7:9-11

### The law is not sinful and it does not force people to sin. – Rom. 7:11

### The law is holy and just. – Rom. 7:12; Ps. 19:7-11; Jas. 1:13-14

**Conclusion:**

## The Law did not create sin.

## The blame from sin rests fully on the shoulders of those who are committing it.