

8. (7:9-11) How does sin's misuse of the law bring death rather than life?

9. (7:12) How does verse 12 repeat verse 7a?

10. (7:13) The law doesn't produce death, but sin perverts it, so that the law shows how sinful sin is. What does the law show/ demonstrate?

11. Is this describing a Christian or a non-Christian? (See the context of Romans 5-8. Remember the reality of Christian struggle. See Paul's use of the first person, present tense, throughout.)

12. (7:14-20) Describe Paul's condition.

13. How does this prove the law is good?

14. (7:21-23) Describe the two "laws" of this section.

15. (7:24-25) Describe Paul's condition.

Personal Reflection

We are no longer obligated to sin because we have died to sin. How is this possible when we know we still sin? What fruit do we bear as evidence to our death to sin?

What does Paul mean when he says our "sinful passions (are) aroused by the law?" How have you experienced this or seen it in others? How can we diminish this influence?

Sin deceives us; what is good appears to be evil, and what is evil appears to be good. What situations have you faced that led you to believe something false, either about God or about someone else? Did your false belief lead to action? What were the consequences?

We are all in a battle. There is a constant clash of the laws that are at work within us. In my mind I am a slave to God's laws; but there is another law, the law of sin, and my sinful nature is a slave to this law. As a prisoner, I am unable to free myself. I cannot will myself free. Do you want to be free? What would you be willing to lay down for your freedom? How can you more readily cooperate with the Spirit in your mind and heart, rather than law of sin that is working to destroy you?



Memory Verse: Romans 7:6

"But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code."

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