

A TRANSITION FROM LAW TO GRACE. Romans 7:1-6.

- ❖ The first husband: The husband is “the law” (the old man who tries to be saved by obeying the law). As long as we are married to the law, we are under its demands.
- ❖ Death of the first husband: When we are crucified with Christ, the old self dies and we are free from damnation and from the control of sin and law.
- ❖ A new marriage: We are reborn from the Holy Spirit when we join the resurrected Savior; thenceforth, we no longer serve God because of law and fear, but because we have a new spirit of freedom and love.
- ❖ The final result is carrying fruits for God; the fruit of a reformed life.

B PAUL’S EXPERIENCE. Romans 7:7-11.

- ❖ Law is not sin. Sin is within man, and the law points to it.
- ❖ When Paul understood the spiritual nature of the law, that new knowledge accused him of transgression and produced in him evil desires (verse 8).
- ❖ Then he understood that the law doesn’t save us but condemn us, so he died. That is, he understood that the end of sinners is the eternal death (verse 11).

C SPIRITUAL AND CARNAL. Romans 7:12-14.

- ❖ Spiritual: The Law. God’s law is the revelation of the character of its Author and an expression of His thought and will. It was given for our own benefit, and it is holy, just and good.
- ❖ Carnal: Sin. We surrender ourselves to sin when we live according to the flesh. Even the holiest man is carnal in comparison to the spirituality of the law.
- ❖ The permanent purpose of the commandments is to reveal righteousness, to convince of sin and to show the need of a Savior. If there wasn’t any law to convince of sin, the Gospel would be powerless; if a sinner isn’t convinced of his sin, he won’t feel the need of repentance and having faith in Christ.

D PAUL AGAINST PAUL. Romans 7:15.

- ❖ In original Greek they are three different verbs; the first one means “result of actions”, the second “to practice” and the third “what is finally done”.

E THE INNER FIGHT. Romans 7:16-20.

- ❖ What can we do with that inner fight?
- ❖ ““Here is a work for man to do. He must face the mirror, God’s law, discern the defects in his moral character, and put away his sins, washing his robe of character in the blood of the lamb.” E.G.W. (God’s amazing grace, August 11).

F TWO LAWS INSIDE MAN. Romans 7:21-25.

- ❖ THE LAW IN MY MIND
 - It is knowing God’s will, which has been revealed to man
 - It is God’s law, which is understood and accepted by my mind
 - It leads me to Jesus Christ, who frees me from sin
- ❖ THE LAW IN MY MEMBERS
 - It is the evil force that generates problems in my life
 - It takes advantage of every carnal impulse
 - It makes me slave to sin
- ❖ We can only achieve victory through JESUS CHRIST.