



Seventh Day Adventist Church Inter-European Division

Sabbath School Ministry

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Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson no.: 08 **18 - 24 November 2017**
Title: **Who is the Man of Romans 7?**
Key texts: ***Romans 7.***

A. Themes to Explore:

1. Chapter 7 completes the reasoning Paul expounded in chapter 6 and explains the passage we must undergo: from dependence on the law to united in Christ.
2. Paul refers to the whole mosaic system and not one specific law. Sin had rendered it ineffective.
3. We are in the center between two laws: one is in my fibres - the law of sin, the other is the law of God, which is rendered impotent by my flesh (see Romans 8:3).

B. Learning Objectives*

- Know:** Understand that Paul is inviting us to leave a law dependent position to bind ourselves to Christ.
- Feel:** Deepen your knowledge of the idea of “marriage” with Christ and understand the role of the Spirit in this union.
- Do:** Produce fruit to glorify God knowing that nothing is possible except through union with Christ.

C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony**

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
 - 1a. How come a law that is “holy, just and good” of itself cannot produce anything good in me? What do we lack?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God’s Word? (Explore);**
 - 2a. What does it mean to die to the law? How can we celebrate this funeral? To what must we die?
 - 2b. Read Romans 7:5, 7, 9, 13, 16, 22-23. What functions does Paul attribute to the law? How many and which laws does He mention?
3. **How can I practice what I’ve learned from God’s Word? (Apply);**
 - 3a. How can we celebrate and renew our marriage with Christ? What ‘instruments’ do we have to help us stay united with Him?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I’ve learned from God’s Word? (Create).**
 - 4a. How can we help those who are searching for God to understand that the fight against our weaknesses can only be won through a union with Christ?

NOTES:

- * Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).
** To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.
*** The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.