



Salvation and Sin (Part 3)

Romans 7:1-25

#10 in a series on Romans

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Theme: **Jesus Christ, not the Law, brings victory over sin.**

The Law and sin.

1. The Law is holy, righteous and good. (7, 10, 12, 13; see also 5:20)
2. The Law teaches us about our sin. (7; see also 2:15; 3:19-20)
3. The Law has jurisdiction over all who are alive to it. (1-6)
4. The Law brings our sin to light. (5; see also 8, 11; Galatians 5:16)
5. The Law does not bring death, sin does. (5, 11, 13; see also 5:12, 17, 21; 6:23)

The believer and the Law.

1. The believer has died to the Law. (4-6; see also 6:3-8, 13, 16; 8:1)
2. The believer now belongs to Christ.
(4-6; see also John 15:5, 8, 16; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, 10-15; Ephesians 2:10)

The believer and sin.

1. Sin dwells within us. (17, 20, 21, 23, 25)
2. Sin wages war against us. (15-16, 22-23; see also 6:12; Galatians 5:1, 16-18)
3. Sin wins some battles. (14, 15, 16, 24, 25; cf. 1 John 1:8-9)
4. Jesus Christ wins the war.
(25; see also 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 2:14; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 21:4 compare Romans 5:12; 6:23; 7:5, 11, 13)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. In chapters 6-8 Paul explores the relationship of salvation and sin. Chapter 6 deals with salvation and grace (Shall we continue in sin so grace may or increase or because we are not under law but under grace?). In chapter 7 he moves the focus to the relationship of sin and the Law. Read the chapter several times to get the overall picture again. Try summarizing the chapter in a few brief sentences.

Tuesday. To clarify his earlier comments on the Law (e.g., 5:20), Paul outlines the relationship of the Law and sin. Review the five points on the outline. Think about how God's law has taught you, has led you to see the sinfulness of your sin. Review some specific sins in your mind. What does Paul mean when he says that the Law aroused our sin (verse 5)? What is the result of the Law having jurisdiction over all who are alive to it (verses 1-6)?

Wednesday. When you placed your faith in Christ you died to the Law. What does this mean? Scan chapter 6 and see the parallels to dying to sin. Why do believers have to be "made to die to the Law through the body of Christ" to be joined with Him (verse 4)? Check 8:1. What is part of the outcome of being joined to Christ according to verse 4?

Thursday. The third specific relationship Paul explores in chapter 7 is that of the believer and sin. Sin still dwells within us, wages war against us, and wins some battles (check the outline for the references). We are responsible for all of our sin, for each and every sin. Paul is not saying we are *doomed* to a life of discouragement and defeat. He simply is describing the dynamics of temptation and sin. Always remember that God provides all you need for victory now and Jesus Christ wins the war (more in chapter 8; see also 1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 5:16). With Paul you can say, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to continue in this section on salvation and sin, looking at our new relationship with the Holy Spirit in chapter 8. Read and think through the chapter in preparation for our time together.