



**Review:** Rom. 1-4: All are sinners and need salvation, which is by grace thru faith, not by works.

Rom. 5: There is more to our Christian lives than just salvation (much more).

Rom. 6: We are free from sin because we are dead to it. **Know, reckon, and yield** this to be true.

Rom. 7: Law is mentioned \_\_\_\_ times in this chapter. Last week: Rom 7:1-6 instructed we are not to serve God in oldness of letter (emphasizing human effort), but rather in newness of spirit. So, we are saved (Rom 1-4), growing (Rom 5), set free from sin's dominion and do not \_\_\_\_\_ sin anymore! (Rom 6), but now in Rom 7-8 we are presented with a choice to (try to) serve God in the flesh, or to serve God in the spirit. This is a theme that runs throughout scripture.

**Romans 7:7-25 Overview:** 2 things: 1. The law is good (Romans 7:14a). 2. We cannot in the flesh do it—serve God according to the law (Rom 7:14b). We can (and probably will) try, but it is not in us to be good, or to do good. This leaves us frustrated at our performance (7:24). Take note! The issue in Romans 7-8 is not “dealing with sin”\*. This is about trying to serve God! Look at 7:6, 19, 25, etc. Sin was dealt with in Rom. 6. Rom. 7 tells us how we \_\_\_\_\_ serve Him—“What doesn’t work” (oldness of letter). Rom. 8 will tell how we \_\_\_\_\_ serve Him—“What does work” (newness of spirit).

#### Outline:

- 7:1-6: **We are delivered from the law to serve in newness of spirit, not oldness of letter.**
- 7:7-12: **The law is \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ is not! Sin works death in us by the law.**
- 7:13-23: **The law is \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ are not. Sin in us keeps us from keeping the law.**
- 7:24-25: **Conclusion: We need delivered from the legal system of serving God!**

#### Other Witnesses in Scripture:

1. Cain and Abel. Gen 4:1-7, Heb 11:4. Both were looking to please God! Works vs Faith.
2. Nation of Israel. The book of \_\_\_\_\_ & the Promised Land. (F.F.F.F.)\*\*
3. Patriarchs: Abraham=Salv. by faith, not works (Gal 3:6-7, 29); Isaac=Liberty, not Bondage (Gal 4:28-29); Jacob/Esau=Spirit, not Flesh (Jacob, not Esau. Gen. 25:22-27, Gal 5:1,13, 16-26, 6:16, )
4. Moses: Tried to save Israelites—murderer!
5. The Book of Esther: Who will wear the \_\_\_\_\_? An Agagite (descendent of Esau), perpetual enemy of God? or Mordecai (a Benjamite, descendent of Jacob, just like Saul) (1 Sam 9:21. 1 Sa 15) (Est 3:10, 8:2)
6. Book of \_\_\_\_\_: 3:1-3, 5:13-18.
7. Pharisees, Saul—Paul, Peter’s denial, disciples (Acts 1:8), etc.

We can’t serve God in the flesh. The law reveals this.



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\*If Romans 7 is about “dealing with sin”, then we are in big trouble, because the conclusion of Rom 7 is that we cannot do good, and we cannot stop from doing bad. So, no matter how hard we try, we cannot succeed.

**\*\*F.F.F.F.= Failure in the flesh is foundational to our faith.**

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