

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 23 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 serve 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).

Romans 7:7-25 Overview: 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 cannot serve Him—"What doesn't work" (oldness of letter). Rom. 8 will tell how we can serve Him-"What does work" (newness of spirit).

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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 **good**, but **sin** is not! Sin works death in us by the law.



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7:24-25: Conclusion: We need delivered from the legal system of serving God!

2. Nation of Israel. The book of <u>Numbers</u> & the Promised Land. (F.F.F.)**



Gen 25:22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If *it be* so, why *am* I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

Gen 25:23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Gen 25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

Gen 25:25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

Gen 25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them.

Gen 25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Gen 36:1 Now these *are* the generations of Esau, who *is* Edom.

















