

ROMANS – LESSON SEVEN

I. THE JEWS' RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WHILE UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES (Chapter 7).

- A. Illustration of Marriage (7:1-4).
 - 1. Law has dominion over man as long as he lives.
 - 2. Through Christ's death, one has become dead to the law.
 - 3. Joined to Christ one now brings forth fruit unto God.
- B. When in the flesh, under the law, spiritual death was produced (7:5-6).
 - 1. Now dead to the Law.
 - 2. Serve God in newness of the spirit (New Covenant), and not in oldness of the letter (Old Covenant).
- C. The law is not sin – but SIN uses it to produce death in those under the Law (7:7-13).
 - 1. Through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.
 - 2. Sin becomes exceeding sinful – using the good law to produce death to those under it.
- D. The Jew's condition under the Law - personified in Paul distinguishing between his flesh and his mind in their peculiar relationship to SIN (7:14-25).
 - 1. The inward man delights in law of God.
 - 2. Law of SIN works in Man's members – bringing one into captivity
 - 3. Such a state is Wretched.
 - 4. Thankful deliverance through Jesus Christ our Lord.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is the point of Paul speaking of MARRIAGE in 7:1-3.
- 2. Paul teaches us that the only reason for remarrige is when your spouse dies. (T) (F).
- 3. One can be MARRIED to one and in be living in ADULTERY with them. (T) (F).
- 4. What had to change in order for the Jew to produce fruit unto God?
- 5. What does it mean to be “in the flesh” ?

6. What is being contrasted in the terms, “*of the spirit*” as distinguished from “*of the letter*” ?
7. Could the Jew blame the Law for his or her sin?
8. How does Paul help us know that we are NOT under the Law that demands we keep the Sabbath day holy?
9. Explain how Paul could have been “*alive apart from the law once*”.
10. How did SIN beguile and slay Paul spiritually?
11. What does Paul mean when he says, “...that which I do, I know not” ?
12. If Paul’s *inward man delights in the Law of God*, why does he describe himself as *Wretched*?
13. Paul, in verses 14-25 best describes
 - (a) The Christian as he or she struggles with the problem of sin.
 - (b) The Jew under the Law of Moses without Christ’s deliverance.