

GOODER NEWS

Romans 7:7-25

Serving in the new way of the Spirit is better because...

- The Law REVEALED sin, but did not DEFEAT sin.
Romans 7:7
- The Law PROVOKED sin, which brought more sin and DEATH.
Romans 7:8-13
- The Law only led to spiritual FRUSTRATION and condemnation.
Romans 7:14-23
- Jesus delivers us not just from the penalty of sin, but from the POWER of sin.
Romans 7:24-8:1

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Do you remember any expectations you had for how your life would change when you became a Christian? What would you tell someone if a new Christian asked you, "How will my life be different now?"
2. Read Romans 7:5-6. What is contrasted in these verses? How is Romans 7:5 explained in 7:7-25 and 7:6 explained in 8:1-17?
3. In Romans 7:7-13, what does Paul tell us about the Old Testament Law? What did it do, and what did it not do?
4. What are some ways that Christians are tempted to live their lives by a list of do's and don'ts? Does this bring spiritual life? What is the alternative? (see Rom 6:14, 8:3-6; Gal 5:22-23; Matt 11:28-30)
5. Do you think a Christian can experience the struggle described in Romans 7:14-23? Why or why not?
6. Compare Romans 7:14, 18, 23 with Romans 6:6, 17, 18, 22. How do you understand the differences?
7. Consider the statement, "One of the greatest obstacles to growth is unbelief in the possibility of growth." Do you think this is true? How does Romans 7:24-8:1 impact your understanding of this?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

