

ROMANS

— THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING —

Really Dead, Truly Alive
Romans 6



Romans 6:6-7 NIV

⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,^[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.



What is sin?

- In is the evil force that exists in the universe that is in opposition to God; this force also lives in people and opposes God.
- Sins are the actions that we choose that oppose God; anything we do that hurts the heart of God; willful rebellion against the character of God.
- Indwelling sin- the residue of sin in the converted Christian.
- These come from misdirected beliefs, disproportionate loves, and misplaced hopes.
- They translate into learned behaviors that can feel impossible to overcome.



- In what ways are we free from sin?
 1. Mandatory obedience
 2. Power of sin
 3. Penalty of sin
- We are NOT free from the presence and influence sin.



- **What steps can we take to live in this freedom:**
 - **Scripture and Prayer.**
 - **Surround yourself with Christians who share values and desires.**
 - **Be the kind of person who others can share with.**
- **Intentionally minister to others.**
- **GOSPEL GOSPEL GOSPEL**
- **JESUS JESUS JESUS**
- **Christian- we are thankful, humble and in this together!**



Romans 7:7-25 NIV

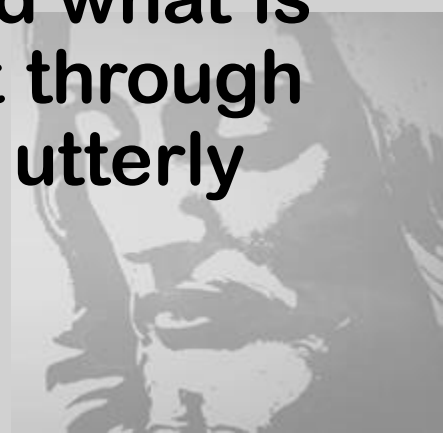
7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”^[a] **8** But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. **9** Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died.



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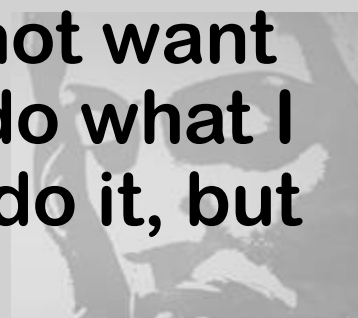
¹⁰ I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. ¹¹ For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. ¹² So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

¹³ Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.



Romans 7:7-25 NIV

14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. **15** I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. **16** And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. **17** As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. **18** For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. **[b]** For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.



Romans 7:7-25 NIV

21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. **22** For in my inner being I delight in God's law; **23** but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. **24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? **25** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature^[c] a slave to the law of sin.



**Rom. 6 is about the Christian's freedom from sin;
Rom. 7 is about the Christian's freedom from the
Law.**

- 1. The Law points out our inability to be perfect or to be near God.**
- 2. The Law incited our old man to want to rebel against God.**
- 3. The Law rightly points out our sinful guilt and rightful judgement by God.**
- 4. The Law offers no hope/help for the fact that we don't measure up to it or to God.**



- **VV. 7-13; Paul tells us how sin takes root in us because of the Law.**
- **The Law is good because it shows us who God is and what it takes to know him.**
- **Our sinfulness chooses to do the opposite of the Law.**
- **Our sin multiplies as we find ever-eventful ways to break the Law.**
- **The Law doesn't destroy sin or change our heart- something else must do this.**



In Romans 6-7, we see that we fight daily against the sin in us, and being a law keeper doesn't help before Christ, it's a hopeless battle I cannot win; after Christ, it's a battle I cannot lose we fight this battle against sin:

- 1. In the power of the Holy Spirit**
- 2. With all of the ability to win because I'm in Jesus.**
- 3. My final victory is absolute.**
- 4. Daily victories are massively important.**
- 5. Daily defeats don't change who I am, the final victory, or my ability to win the next battle.**

Moral Self vs Law-breaking Self.

Jesus is greater and defeats both!

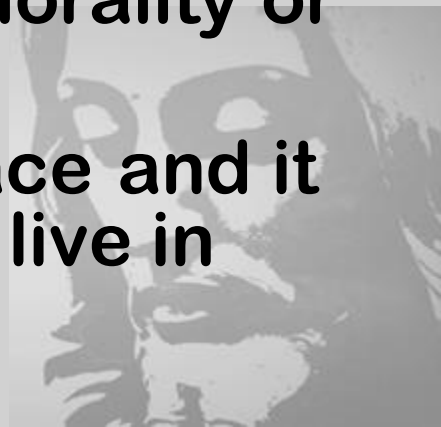


Romans 7:1-4 NIV

7 Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? ² For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. ³ So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

⁴ So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

- **Mr. Law and Mr. Grace**
“Being married to Mr. Law never changed us. But being married to Mr. Grace is changing us deep within, anti-shows as we do battle with the sin in us.”
in Jesus our identity is fundamentally changed.
- We are free from sin as our master, we’re not condemned by the moral self, we are not controlled by the law-breaking self.
- We are in the battle of living as a new person.
- And we fight this battle with ultimate hope.
- You can drink from the fountain of morality or the law and find no hope or life.
- Drink from the fountain of Jesus/grace and it will give you hope, life and power to live in victory!



- **Are you a maturing Christian with lots of victories? a struggling Christian who can't seem to get it together?**
- **We all need the daily grace of Jesus, and the only way to get it is to get up and keep on going.**
- **Let's pick each other up with grace and love and go on with Christ TOGETHER.**
- **If you are not a Christian and feel the weight of sin, hopelessness and your distance from God-accept the gift and power of Jesus NOW!**



