

# **A Study of the Epistles of Paul**

## **NT Survey Lesson 116--Romans 7**

**Introduction:** Paul continues in chapter seven to answer the question raised in 6:15: "Shall we sin because we are not under law, but under grace?" In chapter six Paul pointed out that the sinner becomes a servant of righteousness when he obeys the gospel; this results in a life of holiness. Now, in chapter seven, Paul shows that the sinner is released from law in order to bear fruit for Christ. Furthermore, man needed to be released from law because of what living under law did. It resulted in man's enslavement to sin. Paul confirms this by his own experience as a sinner under the Law of Moses.

**Lesson aim:** To show that freedom from sin can only come about by being released from law, but such freedom does not result in a life of sin.

### **The sinner is released from law (the Law) and is joined to Christ--Rom. 7:1-6**

1. How long does law have jurisdiction over a person? (v. 1) What relationship illustrates this principle? (v. 2)
2. How long is the married woman bound to her husband? (v. 2-3) If her husband dies what is her relationship to the law concerning her husband? If she marries another before his death, what is she? (v. 3) If she marries someone after his death, what is she?
3. To what did Paul say the Romans died? (v. 4) When did this happen? Through what were they made to die to the Law? They died to the Law in order to be joined or married to whom? What was the result of this union to Christ?
4. What worked in the Romans before dying to the Law (when they were "in the flesh")? (v. 5) What kind of fruit was born in this union?
5. Now the Romans were released from what? (v. 6) They died to what? As a result the Romans could now serve in what? Not in what?

## **The Law is spiritual; but sin uses it to enslave and condemn the sinner--Rom. 7:7-25**

1. Does the fact that man needed to be released from the Law mean that the Law itself is sin? (v. 7) What knowledge did the Law give those who heard it? What example did Paul cite?
2. What did "sin" produce in Paul? (v. 8) Because Paul listened to the appeal of sin, the law which was supposed to make him alive, did what? (v. 9-10)
3. Does this mean the Law was bad? (v. 12) What three words did Paul use to describe the Law?
4. Did Paul believe the Law was the thing that killed him? (v. 13) Sin effected Paul's death through what?
5. Paul said the Law was spiritual but he was what? (v. 14) As a result he was sold into what?
6. Before becoming a Christian did Paul always do what he wanted to do? (v. 15) Did he sometimes do the very thing he hated? What then did Paul say was indwelling him? (v. 16-20)
7. What two laws did Paul see working in his life? (v. 22-23) What was the result of the law of sin working in his members?
8. What did this condition cause Paul to cry out? (v. 24) Who did Paul say could set him free? (v. 25)