

**Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008****Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God****Mark Observations****Record Observations & Questions****Romans 7:1-12**

- 1 Or do you not know, brothers—  
    for I am speaking to those who know the law—  
    that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?
- 2       Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives,  
    but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.
- 3       Accordingly,  
    she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man  
    while her husband is alive.  
    But if her husband dies, she is free from that law,  
    and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.
- 4 Likewise, my brothers,  
    you also have died to the law  
    through the body of Christ,  
    so that you may belong to another,  
    to him who has been raised from the dead,  
    in order that we may bear fruit for God.
- 5 For while we were living in the flesh,  
    our sinful passions,  
    aroused by the law,  
    were at work in our members  
    to bear fruit for death.
- 6 But now we are released from the law,  
    having died to that which held us captive,  
    so that we serve not under the old written code  
    but in the new life of the Spirit.
- 7 What then shall we say?  
    That the law is sin?  
    By no means!  
    Yet if it had not been for the law,  
    I would not have known sin.  
    I would not have known what it is to covet  
    if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”
- 8 But sin, seizing an opportunity  
    through the commandment,  
    produced in me all kinds of covetousness.  
    Apart from the law, sin lies dead.
- 9 I was once alive apart from the law,  
    but when the commandment came,  
    sin came alive and I died.
- 10       The very commandment that promised life  
    proved to be death to me.
- 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity  
    through the commandment,  
    deceived me and through it killed me.
- 12 So the law is holy,  
    and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. (ESV)

## Introduction

*This section will help us answer the question. . .*



## Review

### Romans 6:15-23

We have been freed from the power of sin, therefore we must present ourselves as instruments for righteousness not sin—there is no middle ground.



## Key Concepts

### Justification: How It Affects Me 6:1–8:39

*Sanctification: The Impartation of Righteousness*

The Purpose of Salvation: Conformity to Christ's Image

Believer and Sin 6:1-23

### Believer and the Law 7:1-25

*The believer's relationship to the Law is that he is free from it and its domination.<sup>1</sup>*

**7:1-6** Freedom from the law because the believer has died

7:1 Principles stated

7:2-3 Principle illustration

7:4-6 Principle applied

The law in the unregenerate is not able to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Believers have:*

## Point



### 7:7-12

*The Law being holy reveals the sinfulness of sin and in turn sin and not the Law is the cause of death*

This section answers the question: Is God's Law good or evil?

The answer will show the relationship between the Law and sin.

The Mosaic law helped him come to understand clearly the extent and seriousness of his sin.<sup>2</sup>

*Illustration: Definitive prohibition or Principle of the Forbidden Fruit*

**Point:** Man's inability through his \_\_\_\_\_ to obey God.

## Summary / Key Point

We are free from the Law for the purpose of serving God.

We are incapable, by our will, to obey God.



How should the truth that by your will you are incapable of obeying God, change the way you approach your spiritual life?

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Harold W. Hoehner's outline (DTS, Spring 1991, Exegesis of Romans 206, unpublished class notes)

<sup>2</sup> Douglas J. Moo, *NIV Application Commentary, New Testament: Romans*. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, © 2000) 226.