

1 **Romans 7:1-14**

Freed From the Law

2 **Introduction**

- Communicating a clear gospel; Rom. 1:16, 3:21-22, 3:24, 3:28, 4:5, 5:1, 5:8
- What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin... ?
- We have freedom from the sin nature; Rom. 6:2, 7
 - Freedom - But how do we live out that freedom?
- Rom. 6:15 – What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?
 - Note Rom. 6:14 "...not under law but under grace"
- Freedom from the law in Romans 7

3 **Romans 7:1 (Illustration thru Verse 3)**

- "Or do you not know brethren (for I speak to those who know the law)"
 - An emphasis on "know" in Paul's epistles
- "That the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives"
 - Dominion (kyrieui) – to rule over, exercise control as master, Rom. 6:14

4 **Romans 7:2 (Illustration)**

- "For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband"
 - Bound (dedetai) – To tie, bind, physically restrained
- "As long as she lives"
 - The law has dominion
 - Bound by the law to her husband
- "But if the husband dies"
- "She is released from the law of her husband"
 - Released (katergetai) – Freed from

5 **Romans 7:3 (Illustration)**

- "So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress"
- "But if her husband dies, she is free from that law"
- "So that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man"

6 **Romans 7:4 (Application thru Verse 6)**

- "Therefore, my brethren"
- "You also have become dead to the law"
- "Through the body of Christ"
- "That you may be married to another"
 - We are now free to marry another
- "To Him who was raised from the dead"
- "That we should bear fruit to God"

7 **Romans 7:5 (Application)**

- "For when we were in the flesh"
 - Prior to our salvation
- "The sinful passions which were aroused by the law"
 - Passions (pathemata) – propensity, inclination

- "Were at work in our members to bear fruit to death"
- Legalism or law keeping bears fruit to death because it is based on self-effort

8 **Romans 7:6 (Application)**

- "But now"
 - Contrasting good news
- "We have been delivered from the law"
- "Having died to what we were held by"
 - How were we delivered from that severe husband?
- "So that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit"
 - We were not delivered to be idle or independent
- "And not in the oldness of the letter"
 - Oldness = old way

9 **Romans 7:7**

- "What shall we say then? Is the law sin?"
 - More anticipated questions
- Response = "Certainly not"
- "On the contrary"
- "I would not have known sin"

10 **Romans 7:8**

- "But sin"
 - The problem is not the law, it's our sin nature
- "Taking opportunity by the commandment"
 - Opportunity = aphormen - favorable circumstances
- "Produced in me all manner of evil desire"
- "For apart from the law sin was dead"
 - Without the law, Paul was alive with an inactive sin nature

11 **Romans 7:9**

- "I was alive once without the law"
 - Once = formerly, previously (once as in time, not quantity)
- "But when the commandment came"
 - Not referring to the original giving of the law
- "Sin revived and I died"
 - With the law, Paul's sin nature was activated and Paul was without power in his Christian life

12 **Romans 7:10**

- "And the commandment, which was to bring life"
 - The law serves a good purpose, 1 Tim. 1:8-11
- "I found to bring death"
 - Paul was separated from bearing good works
 - Separated from spiritual living

13 **Romans 7:11**

- "For sin, taking occasion by the commandment"
 - Occasion = aphormen – favorable circumstances

- "Deceived me, and by it killed me"
- Living by the law provides favorable circumstances for a Christian to be deceived

14 **Romans 7:12**

- "Therefore, the law is holy"
 - The law does not deceive us
- "And the commandment holy and just and good"

15 **Romans 7:13**

- "Has then what is good become death to me?"
- "Certainly not!"
- "But sin, that it might appear sin"
 - The character of our sin nature becomes clear for what it is
- "Was producing death in me through what is good"
 - Our sin nature is so sinful that it takes what is good (law) and produces sin

16 **Romans 7:13**

- "So that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful"
 - Exceedingly (hyperbolen) - Our sin nature is sinful to an exaggerated, extreme degree, more than is necessary

17 **Romans 7:14**

- "For we know that the law is spiritual"
- "But I am carnal sold under sin"
 - Paul, as a believer, is a slave to his sin nature
- The warning is that we, as believers, when we live by means of the law become slaves to our sin nature