

The Realistic News

Romans 7

A New Relationship

7:1-6

God gave Israel the law for pure living. In Romans the “law” often refers to either the specific laws given through Moses or the Torah. The Torah is the first five books of the Bible.

A person must die to the law to begin a relationship with Jesus and belong to Him.

Captivity to the law stirs up the flesh to produce sin and deadly fruit.

A Christian is free to serve in the Spirit and produce living fruit for God.

Walk in the _____ of belonging to Jesus as you bear fruit for God!

An Essential Clarification

7:7-13

The law is wholly righteous and good. The law is not the problem.

Sin is wholly evil and deceptive. Sin is the problem.

Sin deceptively uses the law to entice the flesh and spark more sin in us.

The law can be a tool to help us see our sin and push us either to greater sinfulness or to Jesus.

Focus your attention on the real problem of _____ and notice how it uses God's law to deceive you.

An Intense Personal Battle

7:13-23

A fierce internal war with our flesh constantly rages within us.

Sin produces confusion, disobedience, and weakness in and through us.

The believer also experiences hatred of sin, delight in the law, and growth in obedience.

Expect the constant battle. Keep _____.

A Guaranteed Deliverance

7:24-25

We, wretched sinners, yearn for deliverance from sin!

Jesus frees us and empowers us to fight the flesh, genuinely delight in God, and humbly serve Him.

Never lose sight of _____ and the hope, power, security, and calling you have in Him.

Boundless Grace – Romans 7

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MATTHEW 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

ROMANS 8:38-39 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

JAMES 1:25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GALATIANS 5:16-17 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

1 PETER 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

ROMANS 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.