

# Romans 7

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## Released from the Law

<sup>1</sup> Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

<sup>2</sup> For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

<sup>3</sup> So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

<sup>4</sup> Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

<sup>5</sup> For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

<sup>6</sup> But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

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## The Law and Sin

<sup>7</sup> What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

<sup>8</sup> But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

<sup>9</sup> For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

<sup>10</sup> And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

<sup>11</sup> For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

<sup>13</sup> Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

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### **The Struggle with Sin**

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

<sup>15</sup> For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

<sup>16</sup> If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

<sup>17</sup> Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

<sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

<sup>19</sup> For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

<sup>20</sup> Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

<sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

<sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

<sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

<sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

<sup>25</sup> I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

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### Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

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### Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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### Law — νόμος (Nomos)

Law

The Greek **nomos** (νόμος) denotes law—particularly the Mosaic law. While believers are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), Christ fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17) and wrote it on believers' hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Romans 7:1** **Word:** Romans 6:14; 7:6; Proverbs 6:23; 1 Corinthians 9:8; Galatians 4:21.

**Parallel theme:** Romans 6:3; 9:3; 10:1

**Romans 7:2** **Word:** 1 Corinthians 7:39. **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 7:4

**Romans 7:3** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:32

**Romans 7:4** **Parallel theme:** Colossians 1:22; 1 Peter 2:24. **References God:** Romans 6:22; Isaiah 54:5. **Word:** Romans 6:14; 7:6; 8:2; Galatians 3:13; 5:18; Ephesians 2:15

**Romans 7:5** **Parallel theme:** Romans 6:21; Galatians 5:24; Ephesians 2:3; 2:11; Colossians 3:5. **Word:** 1 Corinthians 15:56; Galatians 3:10; 1 John 3:4. **Sin:** Romans 6:13; 6:19

**Romans 7:6** **Spirit:** 2 Corinthians 3:6. **Word:** Romans 7:1; 7:4; Galatians 3:13. **Parallel theme:** Romans 6:2; 6:4; 6:22; 12:2; Galatians 6:15; Colossians 3:10

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**Word:** Romans 3:20; 4:15; 7:8; 13:9; 1 Corinthians 15:56. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21. **References God:** Romans 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:5

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**Romans 7:9** **Word:** Romans 7:4; 7:6; 7:11; 8:7; 10:5; Galatians 2:19; 3:10

**Romans 7:10** **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 18:5; 2 Corinthians 3:7. **Word:** Romans 10:5; Galatians 3:12

**Romans 7:11** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 3:13; James 1:26. **Kingdom:** Romans 7:8. **Sin:** Hebrews 3:13. **Word:** James 1:22

**Romans 7:12** **Word:** Romans 3:31; 7:14; Nehemiah 9:13; 1 Timothy 1:8. **Righteousness:** Deuteronomy 4:8; Psalms 119:137; 119:172. **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 10:12

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**Romans 7:15** **Parallel theme:** Romans 12:9; 14:22; Psalms 19:12; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Nahum 1:7; Galatians 5:17; 2 Timothy 2:19; Hebrews 1:9; James 3:2; Jude 1:23

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**Romans 7:18** **Parallel theme:** Romans 7:25; Genesis 6:5; Job 14:4; Psalms 51:5; John 3:6; Galatians 5:17; 5:24; Titus 3:3. **Good:** Romans 7:19; Philippians 2:13

**Romans 7:19** **Parallel theme:** Romans 7:15

**Romans 7:20** **Sin:** Romans 7:17

**Romans 7:21**

**Parallel theme:** Romans 6:12; Psalms 119:37; John 8:34; Hebrews 2:17; 4:15; 2 Peter 2:19.

**Word:** Romans 6:14; 7:23; 8:2; Psalms 119:133

**Romans 7:22** **Word:** Job 23:12; Psalms 1:2; 40:8; 119:16; 119:35; 119:92; 119:174; Hebrews 8:10. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:167; 2 Corinthians 4:16

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**Romans 7:24** **Parallel theme:** Romans 6:6; 8:2; 8:26; Psalms 72:12; 102:20; Matthew 5:6; 2 Timothy 4:18; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 2:15; Revelation 21:4

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