

Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church
Family Fusion - 2012
Romans 5-8

Lesson #5 - #6

Theme: The Relationship of People to the Law

Chapter Seven

I. The Believer and the Law (7:1–6)

A. Their relationship to the law (7:1–3, 5)

1. *They are like widows freed from their husbands (7:1–3).*
2. *They are like dead men freed from their lusts (7:5) .*

B. Their relationship to the Savior (7:4, 6)

1. *They have been raised by Christ (7:4a, 6):* They are released from the law.
2. *They are now to produce fruit through Christ (7:4b):* Thus spiritual people are delivered from the law.

II. The Non Believer and the Law (7:7-26)

A. The illustration usage (7:7, 10): God used the law to reveal the sinfulness of the flesh.

B. The condemnation usage (7:8–9, 11–13): Sin used the law to rekindle the sinfulness of the flesh. Thus natural people are doomed by the law.

C. Any attempt to keep the law leads to carnality (7:14–23).

1. *The confusion (7:14–16):* Paul's frustration is twofold.
 - a. He doesn't do the things he wants to do (7:14–15a, 16a).
 - b. He does the things he doesn't want to do (7:15b, 16b).
2. *The corruption (7:17–20):* He realizes the total corruption of his old sinful nature.

3. *The conclusion* (7:21–23): He understands the daily struggle within him.

- a. The old nature, always attempting to do wrong (7:21a, 23)
- b. The new nature, always attempting to do right (7:21b–22)

D. No attempt to keep the law can lead to spirituality (7:24–25).

- 1. *The agony of Paul's problem* (7:24) : “What a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin?”
- 2. *The answer to Paul's problem* (7:25) : “Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.”