

“The Law and spiritual battle within each Christian”

Sermon Outline from Romans 7:1-25

I 7:1-6 Christians die to the law, married to risen Christ to live holy lives - see Romans 1:18; 3:23; 6:23

A 7:1 What the law says

B 7:2-3 Death of one releases other marriage partner from vows

C 7:4 Christians now belong to risen Christ to bear spiritual fruit

D 7:5-6 Now serve God in new ways of Spirit, not old fleshly way

II 7:7-13 Christian conscience now answers 2 questions

A 7:7-12 Is Paul teaching that Old Testament law is cause of sin?

1 Law **a** Reveals sin **b** 7:8 Provokes sin **c** 7:9-11 Condemns sin

2 7:12 The law certainly isn't sin, but holy, righteous and good

B 7:13 Is Paul teaching Old Testament law is the cause of death?

III 7:14-25 The weakness of the law and the conflict within

A 7:14-20 Law and desires of the flesh within each Christian

1 7:14,18 Something in every Christian which objects to God, wants independence from Him

2 Don't understand their actions 7:15 Negative 7:19,16 Positive

3 7:17,20 Indwelling sin is responsible for failures, defeats

B 7:21-24,25b The law can't give power over man's sinful nature

C 7:25a Thanks be to God, trust Lord Jesus Christ is the answer

IV Main teaching in this chapter

1 7:4,6 You belong to Jesus to serve Him, enabled by Holy Spirit

2 Overcome old self-centred nature within Galatians 5:16, 17-25

3 Grow? - Set goal to read, obey Bible, pray at regular time daily