



Romans 7:1-13

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Warm-up: Have you ever had a financial debt greatly reduced or forgiven? What kinds of emotions did this produce in you?

- Read **Romans 7:1-6** aloud. When a marriage partner dies, the living spouse is free to be married again. We died to sin and to the Law through faith in Jesus Christ. Thus by our new life we are free to be joined to Jesus.
 - How does this truth impact you personally?
 - Are you more inclined to view yourself as being “dead to sin” or in a constant tug-of-war between sin and holiness? Why?
 - What kind of fruit would result from more consistently embracing the fact that - through faith in Jesus - we ARE in fact dead to sin?
- In **Romans 7:7-13** aloud. **Verse 7** shows us that the Law finds faults in us by defining what is good and right and what is sin.
 - Has there been a time in your past when you simply were not aware of a particular rule or law, and therefore consistently broke it?
 - What exactly is **v. 10** saying?
- As a group, unpack the following summary statement that George shared on Sunday: “The Law defined sin in us and sin found our faults, and fascinated us with things forbidden, and brought us death.” What does this mean?
- Being free from the Law is only half of the good news. Through faith in Jesus Christ we now live by the Holy Spirit, and are joined to Christ in the most meaningful of ways. This freedom means that...
 - **We are free** from the law of sin and death
 - **We are free** to be joined to Jesus in spirit
 - **We are free** to choose holiness by the leading of the Holy Spirit
 - **We are free** to choose a harvest of good deeds for God.
 - **We are free** to love God, serve and praise Him, free of sin and the fear of death.
- Which of these 5 truths impacts you most greatly today? Why?

Wrap-up: Warren Wiersbe says, “Instead of being a dynamo that gives us power to overcome, the Law is a magnet that draws out of us all kinds of sin and corruption.” Unlike the Law, Jesus provides the power to overcome! He cleanses and forgives us of all sin and at the same time radically empowers us to live righteous lives through the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit.