

# Romans: Lesson 10

## Dead to the Law and Freed from Sin

**Lesson Text:** Romans 7:1-25

**Assignment:** Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times prior to class; if possible, reference multiple translations. Questions are provided below as an additional aid to prepare for class discussion.

### Study Guide Questions:

1. Recall 6:14, “Sin shall not be master over you for you are not under law but under grace.” Please recognize, the truth in this statement serves as the basis for Paul’s instruction in 7:1-8:17. Why does sin have dominion over someone who is “under law”? (Cf. 2:12-13; 3:19-20, 21-24)
2. To whom are the instructions in this section specifically addressed? (7:1)
3. What point(s) does marriage illustrate in this context? (7:3)
4. Why was death to the law necessary for these brethren? (7:4)
5. Paul elaborates 7:4 by contrasting the old life (7:5) and the new (7:6). Summarize the contrast.
6. Paul has demonstrated that release from the jurisdiction of the law is necessary in order to be freed from the bondage of sin. Is the law itself sin? What is the relationship between the law and sin? (7:7-12)
7. 7:14-24 depicts a condition of utter helplessness and hopelessness, under “bondage to sin.” Is this “wretched man” under grace or under law? (Cf. 5:1-2, 6, 11, 20-21; 6:2, 6-7, 12-13, 14; 7:4-6; 8:1-4)
8. Where can one find freedom from the bondage of sin? Through the law or through Christ by grace? (7:25a; 8:1)