

Romans 7: 1-12

The Death of Jesus and the Reign of Grace



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Romans 7:1-12

1. Read Romans 7:1-12. What is the main point that Paul is making in 7:1-3 through the example of the marriage law?
2. Romans 7:4 is a most important verse in this section of Scripture. What does it mean to die to the law? Keep in mind that Paul is writing about the law given to Moses at Mount Sinai in Exodus. He is speaking initially about the experience of the people of Israel. How do people who have lived under the law of Moses now die to the law? What is Paul's main point about the body of Jesus?
3. What is Paul's attitude to the law of Moses in 7:7-12? What is good about the law? What is not good about the law?

The Scriptures – Romans 7:1-12 as a portion of the Scriptures

4. What is the attitude of the psalmist to the law of Moses in Psalm 119:97-100?
5. What does Jeremiah anticipate in Jeremiah 31:31-34? What does he prophesy about the new law to come in 31:33?
6. What does Paul mean in Galatians 5:18 when he writes "But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law"?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Romans 7:1-12 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. What do you understand by Paul's phrase in Romans 7:12 "the new way of the Spirit" as against "the old way of the written code"? How do you live in the new way of the Spirit?
8. What is an area of your life in which you are bearing fruit? Or perhaps *not* bearing fruit that is pleasing to God? How can we pray and help in this regard?