

# The Epistle to the Romans!

*The Text:*

**Romans 7:1-6!**

*The Title:*

**So What About the Law?**

*The Theme: Romans 1:16-17!*

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”**

# An Overview of Romans

## I. (Chaps. 1-8) The Focus is on **DOCTRINE!**

A. (Chaps.1-3) **Sin**: The Need for Righteousness.

B. (Chaps.4-5) **Salvation**: The Means of Righteousness.

C. (Chaps.6-8) **Sanctification**: The Result of Righteousness.

## II. (Chaps.9-11) The Focus is **DISPENSATIONAL!**

D. (Chaps. 9-11) **Sovereignty**: The Disbelief of Righteousness.

## III. (Chaps.12-16) The Focus is on **DELIBERATIONS!**

E. (Chaps. 12-16) **Service**: The Fruit of Righteousness.

# Chapter Seven Sermon Outlines

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### I. (7:1-6) Paul reasons with the LEGALIST!

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- A. (v.1) The axiom about the Law.
- B. (vv.2-3) The analogy of the Law.
- C. (vv.4-6) The application of the Law.

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Romans 7:7-12

## II. (7:7-12) Paul reasons with the LIBERTARIAN!

A libertarian is a person who believes that a person is justified (saved) solely by an act of the human will (the decision of faith). Here Paul addresses those who believe that grace is a license to continue in sin (since grace is greater than the Law).

A. (vv.7-8) The Law reveals sin.

B. (vv.9-11) The Law ruins the sinner.

C. (v.12) The Law reflects the sinner's sinfulness.

# Chapter Seven Sermon Outlines

## Romans 7:13-25

### III. (7:13-25) Paul Reasons with the LAW Abiding Believer!

The law abiding believer is a person who understands the teaching in 3:31. Here Paul addresses those who understand that grace and works go hand-and-hand. Here Paul will encourage the faithful as they struggle to apply this truth to their daily lives (God's grace and their works).

A.(vv.13-23) The anguish of the believer.

B.(v.24) The agony of the believer.

C.(v.25) The answer given to the believer.

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# *Lessons Learned Today:*

1. Because of God's grace the believer is no longer under the Law's condemnation – which reveals our sin, by arousing our lust, and causing us to bear the fruit that leads to death!
2. Because of God's grace the believer is now called to live a life that bears fruit unto God:
  - a. Such fruit builds on the **Father's** love
  - b. Such fruit embraces the example of the **Son**
  - c. Such fruit is caused by the power of the **Holy Spirit**
3. The difference between the legalist's law & our Lord's Law is:
  - a. The law of the legalist says “you must” when you can't
  - b. The Lord's Law says “you can't, so I must!”