

# Romans Series

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# **The Epistle to the ROMANS**

**If The Law was Perfect,  
The Spirit is Beyond Perfect  
Romans 7:1–6**



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### BEFORE:

- Alive to sin
- A slave of sin (6:20)
- Free in regard to +R (6:20)

### AFTER:

- **Dead to sin**
- Justified from sin (6:7)
- Freed (*eleutereo*) from sin (6:19)
- A slave to God and +R (6:19, 21)

- **Dead to the Law (7:4)**
- Free from the Law (7:3)
- Tie to the law abolished (7:7)
- So that we can live in the newness of the Spirit (7:7)

## **Two Issues:**

- 1. What is the meaning of “law?”**
- 2. What is the significance of the illustration in vv. 2–3?**

**νόμος** *nomos*

**law, principle, Mosaic Law, any law code,  
general, natural, or revealed.**

**Psa. 19:7, “The law of the LORD is **perfect**,  
converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is  
**sure**, making wise the simple;**

**Psa. 19:8, “The statutes of the LORD are **right**,  
rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is  
**pure**, enlightening the eyes;**

**Psa. 19:9, “The fear of the LORD is **clean**, enduring  
forever; the judgments of the LORD are **true** and  
**righteous** altogether.**

**Psa. 19:10, “More to be desired are they than gold,  
yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey  
and the honeycomb”**

**Psa. 119:9, “How can a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed according to Your word.”**

**Psa. 119:11, “Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
that I might not sin against You.”**

**Psa. 119:14, “I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches.**

**Psa. 119:15, “I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways.**

**Psa. 119:16, “I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.**

**Psa. 119:17, “Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your word.**

**Psa. 119:18, “Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.”**

**Psa. 119:23, “Princes also sit and speak against me, but Your servant meditates on Your statutes.”**

**Psa. 119:28, “My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.”**

**Psa. 119:92, “Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.”**

**Psa. 119:66, “Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments.”**

**Psa. 119:72, “The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver.”**

**Psa. 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”**

**Deut. 6:1, “Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,**

**Deut. 6:2, “that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.**

**Deut. 6:3, “Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ”**

**Deut. 6:4, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!**

**Deut. 6:5, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.**

**Deut. 6:6, “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.**

**Deut. 6:7, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**

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**Ex. 18:6, “Now he had said to Moses, ‘I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her.’ ”**

**Isa. 42:21, “The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness’ sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.”**

**Mal. 4:4, “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.”**

**Matt. 5:17, “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**

**Matt. 5:18, “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”**

**The Law was also honored in the New Testament:**

**Acts 21:18, “On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.**

**Acts 21:19, “When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.**

**Acts 21:20, “And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, ‘You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law;’ ”**

**Acts 21:28, “crying out, ‘Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.’ ”**

**Acts 6:13, “They also set up false witnesses who said, ‘This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law;’ ”**

**Acts 18:13, “saying, ‘This fellow persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.’ ”**

**Rom. 3:20, “for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.”**

**Rom. 5:20, “And the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,”**

**1 Tim. 1:8, “But we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers.”**

**Rom. 7:1, “Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?”**

## **Six Key Passages on the Law and the Church Age Believer**

### **1. Acts 15:1–29**

**The “Jerusalem Council”: the Law was a “yoke” on the neck, which even the Jews could not bear. Gentiles were not asked to be circumcised, or follow the Law, but to abstain from flesh with blood.**

**Acts 15:19, “Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,**

**Acts 15:20, “but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.”**

## **Six Key Passages on the Law and the Church Age Believer**

### **2. Gal. 3:17–25**

**The Law was a “tutor” until the child reached maturity (*bar mitzvah*). So the Law was temporary until maturity came in which it did with Christ.**