

## **The Believer's Relation to the Law, Part 2**

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 7:15-25.

B. We are free from the law.

II. The law is good, but it is not effective for salvation—it reveals one's sinfulness.

A. The law is a mirror.

B. It shows a person for what one is.

C. We are dead in our trespasses. (Ephesians 2)

D. A man cannot do the law that he wants to do apart from the Spirit that frees from the law of sin.

III. Romans 7 is a picture of a Christian trying to accomplish the law by himself without the Spirit. (Galatians 5:17)

A. One cannot come to salvation until he comes face to face with his own inability to defeat sin. (1 Kings 8)

B. A Christian is morally unable apart from the Spirit.

IV. We gain control of our minds through the Holy Spirit.

V. The law is fulfilled in us because we walk in the Spirit. (Romans 8:4)

**Application Questions:**

1. What is the purpose of the law if one cannot fulfill it?

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2. When have you experienced the purpose of the law personally?

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3. Why is it important to come to the end of our own ability? Explain.

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