

## Gaining A Greater Grasp on The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

### Caught Between A Rock & A Hard Place: Finding Liberty In The Midst Of Legalism & License

—Romans 7:1–25

—“God searches the heart and understands every motive. To be acceptable to Him, our motives must spring from a love for Him and a desire to glorify Him. Obedience to God performed from a legalistic motive—that is a fear of the consequences or to gain favor with God—is not pleasing to God.” —Jerry Bridges

—“God’s purpose in redeeming people from sin is not to give them freedom to do as they please but freedom to do as He pleases, which is to live holy and righteous lives to honor Him.”

—various Bible teachers

#### The FOCUS found in Today’s Study

##### A FUNDAMENTAL REALITY ABOUT OUR BATTLE WITH SIN:

When we \_\_\_\_\_, God \_\_\_\_\_ us to  
be \_\_\_\_\_ & He began the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ effort for us with God!  
Throughout life, we always should expect to \_\_\_\_\_ with sin!

—“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the life-giving Spirit in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. For God achieved what the law could not do because it was weakened through the flesh. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous requirement of the law may be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

—Romans 8:1–4

—An EXPLANATION of What Leads Us to Romans 7:

—Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ to God!

—No \_\_\_\_\_ & No \_\_\_\_\_ !!!

—Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_!

—We all fall short of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

—No one can save themselves from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin!

—All \_\_\_\_\_ & any \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven is a  
\_\_\_\_\_ based on our  
\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s Goodness!

—Justification God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness!

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of love!

Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ in our place!

—Sanctification Being set apart by God’s \_\_\_\_\_!

—God’s ROLE = God’s indwelling Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_

& \_\_\_\_\_ over our lives!

—Our RESPONSIBILITY = \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_!

## The EMPHASIS of Romans 7:

—1— Everyone who has a \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ  
has been \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_  
of God's Law! {Romans 7:1-6}

—We've been justified by God's grace based on our faith in Christ's  
sacrifice as our Substitute.

—Christ fulfilled

—In Christ we died

—In Christ we have been

—We're no longer

—God's Spirit provides us with

The FRUIT of God's Spirit is

—2— Even though we're released from the requirements of the Law,  
it still serves an \_\_\_\_\_ over our lives!  
{Romans 7:7-13}

—God's Law \_\_\_\_\_ sin in our lives.

—God's Law distinguishes \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_!

—God's Law helps us \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

*Romans 7:13b = "through the commandment, sin is shown to  
be utterly sinful."*

—3— Even though we're justified and we're being sanctified by God's  
grace through faith in Christ, we will all be \_\_\_\_\_ by  
\_\_\_\_\_ & we'll \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_  
between our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ & our \_\_\_\_\_!  
{Romans 7:14-25}

—"I'm of flesh." = \_\_\_\_\_ In flesh = \_\_\_\_\_

—"I'm doing the very thing I hate!" = \_\_\_\_\_

—"The Law is good." = \_\_\_\_\_

—"No longer am I the one doing it, but the sin that dwells in me." = \_\_\_\_\_

—"Nothing good dwells in my flesh" = \_\_\_\_\_

—"A war is being waged between my mind & the sin within me." = \_\_\_\_\_

—"Wretched man that I am!" = \_\_\_\_\_

—"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" = \_\_\_\_\_