

PAX ROMANA

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Our Relationship to God's Law!

Romans 7.1-6

Understanding the Gift from Jesus:

- We are **FREE** from the **PROBLEM OF SIN...**
- We are **FREE** from the **PENALTY OF SIN...**
- We are **FREE** from the **POWER OF SIN!**

The Law? What it can't do, What it can do!

Can't Do:

- A) **the law cannot contribute anything toward the personal justification.**

Those of you who try to be put right with God by obeying the Law have cut yourselves off from Christ. You are outside God's grace.

Galatians 5.4 (GNT)

- B) **the law could not break the power of sin in a person's life.**

The Law of Moses cannot do this, because our selfish desires make the Law weak. But God set you free when he sent his own Son to be like us sinners and to be a sacrifice for our sin. God used Christ's body to condemn sin. He did this, so that we would do what the Law commands by obeying the Spirit instead of our own desires.

Romans 8.3-4 (ESV)

- C) **the law delivered by Moses never could actually make anything perfect.**

The law of Moses could not make anything perfect. But now a better hope has been given to us, and with this hope we can come near to God.

Hebrews 7.19 (NCV)

Can Do:

- A) **the law can provide a clear set of VALUES in which one may live life.**

So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.
Romans 7.19 (NASB)

- B) **the law does provide a PATHWAY to 'Right' Living.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalms 119.105 (NIV)

- C) **the law does provide a MORAL & ETHICAL code to our culture (us).**

Everything in the Scriptures [Torah] is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live.

2 Timothy 3.16 (CEV)

Even though we can NEVER be justified by the LAW, our FAITH JUSTIFIES that the LAW is from God!

Well then, if we are saved by faith, does this mean that we no longer need obey God's laws? Just the opposite! In fact, only when we trust Jesus can we truly obey him.

Romans 3.31 (TLB)

The Failure to Understand:

Do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to men who know the law—that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives? For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress, even though she marries another man.

So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God. For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Romans 7.1-6 (NIV)

- 1) **I am not WORTHY . . .**

- translation: "Good Enough"

- 2) **I am always MESSING UP, letting God down . . .**

- translation: "Life in Guilt"

- 3) **I am really not KNOWLEDGEABLE enough to live for God . . .**

- translation: "I'm Afraid to really trust God"