

## **HOW NOT TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE!**

(Romans 7:7-14)

### **II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED: HIS JUSTIFICATION TO ALL BELIEVERS (3:21-5:21)**

### **III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REPRODUCED IN SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:13)**

#### **A. The Believer's IDENTIFICATION with Christ (Romans 6)**

#### **B. The Believer's RELATIONSHIP to the Law (Romans 7:1-6)**

#### **C. The Believer's STRUGGLE to LIVE by Law (Romans 7:7-25)**

1. According to Romans 6:14-15 the believer in Christ is “\_\_\_\_\_ *under law, but under grace*”; according to 7:1-6 the believer has “*been \_\_\_\_\_ the law*”, and he/she is to “*now serve in the newness of the Spirit.*”
  
2. In verses 7-25 Paul is going to describe the \_\_\_\_\_ way to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. This passage describes the apostle's own personal experience \_\_\_\_\_ he was \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - b. The spiritual defeat Paul experienced is not because he did not want to do God's will, but because he did \_\_\_\_\_ understand \_\_\_\_\_ it could be done.
  
  - c. The pronoun “*I*” is found \_\_\_\_\_ times in these verses, while the word “*Spirit*” is found \_\_\_\_\_ times.
  
3. As Christians we should never view the Law as \_\_\_\_\_ or as being \_\_\_\_\_, but we must recognize its place and purpose. (v. 7)

\* Contrary to popular opinion, what was the Law never intended for?

\* What was God's purpose for the Law?

4. Paul had personally discovered that the Law could \_\_\_\_\_ his sin (v. 7), and at the same time \_\_\_\_\_ his sin nature. (v. 8)

5. Instead of producing life as he had originally hoped, \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the Law only produced \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 9-11)

\* Did God design the Christian life to be a legal duty or a love relationship?

\* What should motivate you to serve the Lord Jesus?

6. The problem is not with the Mosaic Law, the Law is "*holy, and just, and good*", the problem is with us (vv. 12-14) ...

a. The Christian wants to use the Law for a purpose for which it was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

b. The Christian still has a \_\_\_\_\_ that wants to sin.

\* What can you personally apply from this message today?