

## IV Review. Romans 6:14-7:14

**Romans 6:14** - For the sinful nature shall not be in authority over you, for you are not under law [**as your marriage counselor**] but under grace.

**Romans 6:15** - To what conclusion are we forced? Shall we sin because we aren't under law but under grace? Emphatically not!

**Romans 6:16** - Do you not know that to whom you place yourselves under orders as slaves for the purpose of obedience, you are slaves to the one to whom you habitually render obedience [**submission to facilitated memory traces**], either to the sinful nature [**facilitated wheel-tracks of wickedness**] resulting in the sin unto death, or habitual obedience to God [**facilitated wheel-tracks of righteousness**] because of justification.

**Romans 6:17** - Now thanks be to God that you were slaves to the sinful nature [**as your first husband**] but you have obeyed from the source of the stream of consciousness a system of doctrine [**facilitated wheel-tracks of righteousness**] to which you were delivered [**by marriage to your Second Husband**].

**Romans 6:18** - And having been set free from the sinful nature [**as first husband**] you became enslaved to the righteousness of God [**through marriage to Jesus Christ as Second Husband**].

**Romans 6:19** - For just as you have put your members [**brains**] under orders as slaves to impurity [**wheel-tracks of wickedness**] and to lawlessness [**wheel-tracks of human good**] resulting in lawlessness [**wheel-tracks of evil**]; so now put yourselves under orders as slaves to God's [**wheel-tracks of**] righteousness resulting in experiential sanctification [**Christian way of life**].

**Romans 6:20** - For as long as you were slaves of the sinful nature [**wife to your first husband**] you were free with regard to the righteousness of God [**to which you were not married**].

**Romans 6:21** - Therefore, what benefit were you having at that time from the sinful nature's trends, over which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is the second death.

**Romans 6:22** - But now, having been set free from the sinful nature's tyranny [**divorce from the first husband under retroactive positional truth**] and having become slaves to God [**marriage to the Second Husband through Current Positional Truth**], you are having your benefit with reference to experiential sanctification [**spiritual growth by establishing wheel-tracks of righteousness**] and the end result of everlasting life [**ultimate sanctification**].

**Romans 6:23** - Certainly the payment from the sinful nature is spiritual death but the grace benefit from God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Overview of Romans 7:1–14

### 1. Outline of Romans 7

1. The Two Marriages of the Believer (Romans 7:1-6)
2. The Mosaic Law as Marriage Counselor to the First Marriage (Romans 7:7-14)
3. The Attacks of the First Husband (Romans 7:15-21)
4. The Battle of Wheel-tracks (Romans 7:22-25)

### 2. Paragraph 1: The Two Marriages of the Believer (Romans 7:1–6):

#### Romans 7:1

**Romans 7:1** - Do you not know, fellow believers—for I communicate to those who know the Law—that the Mosaic Law has dominion over a person as long as he lives?

**Romans 7:2** - For the wife under the authority of her husband has been bound to her husband by law while he is living but if the husband has died she has been released by the law from her first husband.

**Romans 7:3** - Consequently, therefore, if while her husband is living she has become intimately united with another man, she shall be classified as an adulteress. But if her husband has died she is free from that Law so that she is not an adulteress though she is married to another man.

**Romans 7:4** - Therefore, fellow believers, you also were made to die with reference to the law by the human body of Christ with the result that you might belong to another, to the One who has been raised up from deaths in order that we might bear fruit to God.

**Romans 7:5** - For while we were in the flesh [**under the authority of the sinful nature as first husband**], the sinful trends, which through the Law were operative in our members, resulted in the production of fruit from the source of our spiritual death.

**Romans 7:6** - But now we have been released from the Law [**as marriage counselor**] by having died to that to which we were bound [**the first marriage**], in order that we might serve in a new marriage by the Holy Spirit [**as marriage Counselor**] and not in the old marriage by the letter of the Law.

In this first paragraph we identified the first husband as the sinful nature located in the DNA of every cell and whose genes are activated in the nuclei of every neuron in the brain. Although retroactive positional truth breaks the power of the first husband, he is able to reestablish his tyranny over the soul by tempting the believer to sin. Temptation is a part of the sieges and campaigns conducted upon the soul by the first husband's agent provocateurs, a SWAT Team made up of ten special force operatives:

1. Power Lust
2. Approbation Lust
3. Social and Sexual Lust
4. Criminal Lust
5. Monetary Lust

6. Inordinate ambition resulting in inordinate competition
7. Crusader Lust
8. Revenge Lust
9. Chemical Lust
10. Pleasure Lust

Paragraph 2: The Mosaic Law as Marriage Counselor to the First Marriage (Romans 7:7-Romans 7:14)

**Romans 7:7** - Therefore, to what conclusion are we forced? Is the Law sin? Emphatically not! On the contrary. I was not cognizant of the sinful nature except through the Law. For example, I did not understand the lust pattern except the Law kept on saying, "You will not lust!"

**Romans 7:8** - But the sinful nature, having seized the opportunity through the 10th Commandment, produced in me every category of lust, for apart from the Law sin is unknown.

**Romans 7:9** - Now at one time I lived apart from the Law but when the Tenth Commandment came into my conscious mind the sinful nature became invigorated and I realized I was spiritually dead.

**Romans 7:10** - That Commandment which points to eternal life [**the Tenth Commandment**]; the same was discovered by me pointing to spiritual death.

**Romans 7:11** - For the sinful nature, having seized the opportunity through the Tenth Commandment, deceived me and, through that same commandment, killed me.

**Romans 7:12** - Therefore, as a matter of fact, the Law is holy, also the Tenth Commandment is holy, perfect justice, and intrinsically good.

**Romans 7:13** - Therefore, the good to me, did it become spiritual death? Definitely not! But the sinful nature, in order that it might be exposed through the good [**of the Tenth Commandment**], made spiritual death a reality to me in order that the sinful nature might become utterly sinful by means of the Tenth Commandment.

**Romans 7:14** - Consequently, we know—we comprehend in long-term memory traces—that the Law is spiritual but I am tendentially carnal, belonging to the realm of the sinful nature, when I have been led astray under the authority of the sinful nature.