

Chapter 7

Law cannot save from sin

1. if a woman while her husband lives marries another man she will be called an _____. (v3)

PELAGIUS: "As long as her husband is alive, a woman must live according to his will alone, but once he is dead and she is married to another man, she should no longer live in the manner of her former husband." Basically St Paul is using this analogy to explain how the newly converted Christians (especially those who used to be Jews) should behave. He was saying that in the past you were married (i.e. under the law) but now, the husband has died (i.e. Christ has come and the need for ritual law has been removed). Keep this in mind while you read the passage again and it will make more sense..

A New Creation

If anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation;
the old has gone,
the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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**OUR SIN IS GREAT
GOD'S GRACE IS GREATER**

4. For I know that in me nothing _____ dwells; for to will is present but how to _____ what is good I do not find. (v18)

5. For the good that I will to do I do _____ do; but the evil I will not to do, that I _____.(v19)

So many times we want to do good but we do not know how to. We need to ask God to grant us will power to overcome this problem. PELAGIUS: Paul does not say that his flesh is not good. The will is there but not the action, because carnal habit opposes the will.

2. We have been delivered from the law, having _____ to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the _____ of the spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. (v6)

This takes place in baptism where we die with Christ and are raised with him also. For we 'take off the old man and put on the new one'. ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM states "Paul does not say that the law was discharged or that sin was discharged but that we were discharged. How did this happen? It happened because the old man, who had been held down by sin, died and was buried."

3. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, _____ me and it _____ me. (v11)

Sin breaks our bond with God ultimately, deceiving and killing us spiritually. All of a sudden we cannot feel His presence anymore. We feel that he is hiding His face from us.



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Chapter 8

1. To be carnally minded is _____, but to be spiritually minded is life and _____. (v6)

When we focus on God he blesses us with inner peace and contentment that surpasses this world. For if we became friends of the world we become enemies of God.



2. For I consider that the _____ of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the _____ which shall be revealed in us. (v18)

We can only imagine what eternal life will be like! It is indescribable!

3. And we know that ___ things work together for _____ to those who _____ God, to those who are the called according to his _____. (v28)

God takes care of his people even when we feel as though He has forgotten us, He is there carrying us through it all! Even when He allows us to suffer even unto death- He will allow it if it will allow us to inherit eternal life.

4. It is written "For your sake, we are _____ all day long; we are counted as sheep for the _____" (v36)

All those in the past and today in parts of the world such as Egypt that have died for Christ's sake will be given the crown of martyrdom and will inherit eternal life..