

**What the law does – Romans 7:7-13**  
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Introduction

- Did Marcion like the old covenant law?
- What is the term for someone who believes that Christians do not need any laws or rules or regulations by which to live?
- List some verses from Romans where Paul has spoken quite negatively about the law.
- Is Paul positive or negative about the law itself?
- What does the law do according to **v7**?
- What has sin done to the law?

i Exploitation

- What does sin do with the law in **v8**?
- What is the first lesson which that teaches us?
- What is the second lesson which that teaches us?
- How are we empowered to live life God's way (**v6** will help you here)?
- Does that mean that we need no laws and rules and regulations?
- Where are you looking as your source of spiritual growth and vigour?

ii Murder

- What does the last sentence of **v8** mean?
- What happened to sin when law came according to **v9**?
- Which Old Testament passage does Paul probably have in mind in **v10**?
- Was it ever God's intention that people should be saved by obeying the old covenant law?
- What is ironic about the law here?
- How does Paul sum things up in **v11**?
- What is Paul's conclusion about the law in **v12**?

- Fill in the gaps: “The law is \_\_\_\_\_. But ultimately it is a \_\_\_\_\_ force in salvation history.
- What is Paul actually saying about non-Christians here?
- What other passage says the same sort of thing?
- How does life come to those who are dead?

### iii Depravity

- Does **v13** belong with **v7-12** or with **v14-25**?
- How does Paul illustrate for us the sinfulness and depravity of sin here?
- How seriously do Christians tend to take sin?
- How does God want you to view sin?
- Whose help do you need to see sin that way?

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