**ROMANS 7:7 – 25**

Expanded Outline

D. Objections to This New System Presented and Answered (6:1 – 7:25)

3. Objection as to the Law in respect to sin (7:7 – 12)

1. Objection stated: Since it appears to be so desirable to be released from the Law, “is the Law sin?” (7:7a)
2. Objection answered: “May it never be!”
3. The Law is not sin, but it defines or makes sin known (7:7b)
4. Satan uses the Law or commandment as an occasion for temptation and sin (7:8a)
5. Separate from the Law, sin (or Satan) is powerless (7:8b)
6. The experience of Paul, representing the experience of man:
7. He was once unaffected by Law (7:9a)
8. When accountability came, sin came alive and he died (7:9b)
9. The commandment (or Law) given to bring life was used by Satan to bring death (7:10 – 11)
10. The Law or commandment is holy, righteous, and good (7:12)

4. Objection to the Law in respect to death (7:13 – 25)

1. Objection stated: “Did that which is good become a cause of death for me?” (7:13a)
2. Objection answered: “May it never be!”
3. The true nature of sin is revealed when it works death through that which is good (7:13b)
4. The Law is not the source of death, since it is spiritual (7:14a)
5. Man is carnal and under the influence of sin (7:14b)
6. Not recognizing the consequences of his actions and under the influence of sin, he practices the things he should not and produces that which he hates (7:15)
7. Even though he does that which is evil, his feeling that he should not be doing so testifies to the goodness of the Law (7:16)
8. The sin, which dwells in man’s fleshly nature, constantly works to overrule the will to do that which is right (7:17 – 20)
9. Although the inner man delights in the law of God, the law of sin in man’s flesh wars against the law of the mind and leads man into captivity (7:21 – 23)
10. Although the struggle between the mind and the flesh continues, God will deliver man through Jesus Christ (7:24 – 25)

Questions on Romans 7:7 – 25

1. Why would anyone think that the Law was sin?
2. How does one know sin?
3. How does Satan use the Law to his own advantage?
4. Explain when Paul was alive apart from the Law?
5. Why did Paul die when the commandment came?
6. What words are used to describe the Law and the commandment in 7:12? Define each descriptive word.
7. Does the Law cause death? Explain your answer.
8. How is the true nature of sin revealed?
9. In 7:14, the passage says that the Law is “spiritual.” What does this mean?
10. When Paul says in 7:14b that “…I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin,” what does he mean?
11. Describe the nature of the struggle discussed in 7:15 – 25.
12. In this struggle, what shows that the Law is good? (See 7:16.)
13. Do 7:17 and 7:20 mean that man is not responsible for his evil actions? Explain your answer.
14. Does 7:18 indicate that man is totally depraved? Explain your answer.
15. What part of man delights in the law of God?
16. Explain the “law in the members of my body.”
17. How will man be delivered from the continuing struggle with sin?