

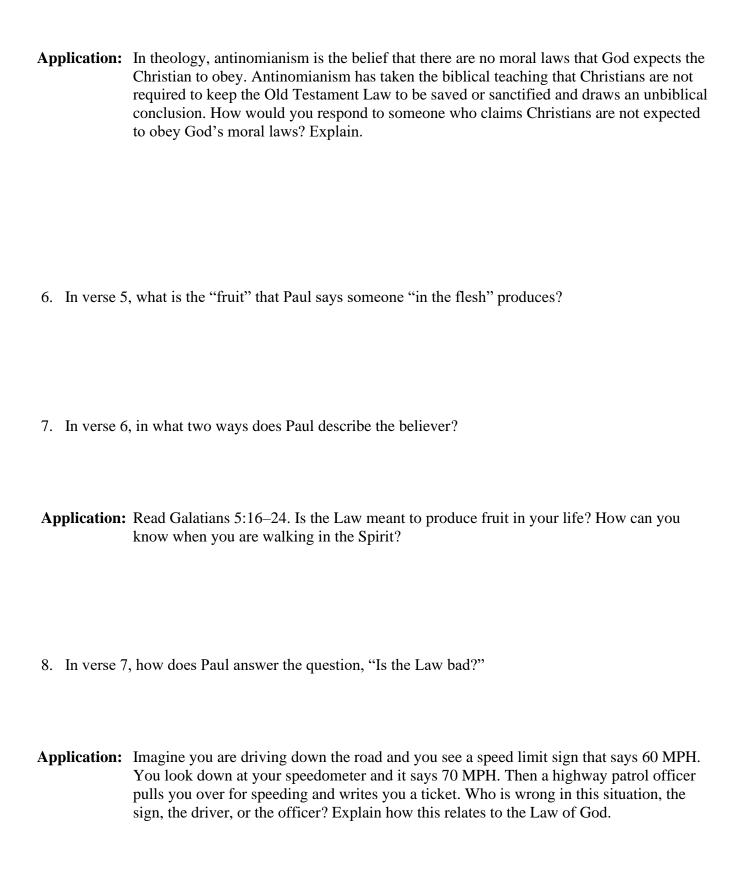
Romans

Lesson 7: Romans 7

Legalism is a term used to describe a doctrinal position that emphasizes a system of rules and regulations to achieve both salvation and sanctification. Someone who is a legalist believes either that they are saved by keeping rules or they believe they grow spiritually by keeping rules, or both. However, Paul has concluded in Romans 6:14 that Christians are "not under law but under grace." Therefore, in relation to the Law, the Christian is free. This doesn't mean the law is bad because the purpose of the Law is point out sin. However, no one can be saved or sanctified by upholding the Law. In this chapter, Paul will tell us what the believer's relationship to the law is and why Christians still struggle with sin. Let's dive in and see what Paul has to say about the believer's sanctification in Christ and struggle with sin.

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> Read Romans 7:1–12	
1. In verse 1, who is Paul speaking to?	
2. In verses 2–3, what illustration does Paul use to show one's relationship to the Law?	
3. Read Ephesians 5:22–27. Why do you think Paul used the illustration he did in Romans 7:2–	-3?
4. In verse 4, what has the Christian died to? Did the law die?	
5. In verse 4, who is the Christian joined to? What is the purpose of this union?	

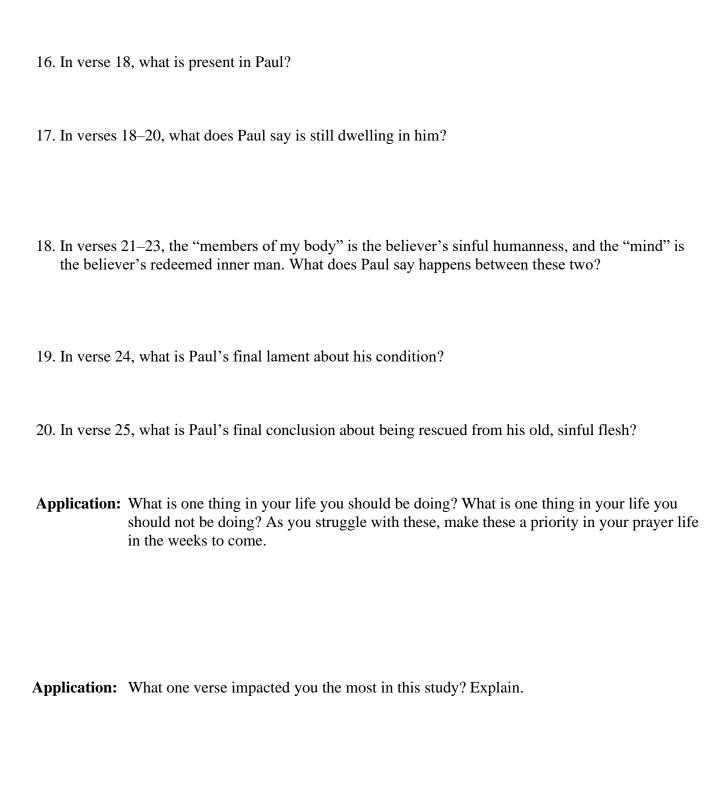
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9. According to verses 9–11, what did sin do in Paul?	
10. In verse 12, what is Paul's conclusion about the Law?	
Application: Why is legalism so dangerous for Christians? Have you ever strug Explain.	gled with legalism?
Read Romans 7:13–25	
11. In verse 13, what does Paul say was causing death in him?	
12. Compare verses 5 and 14. Fill in the blanks.	
Verse 5: "we were"	
Verse 14: "I am	,
13. Read 1 John 1:8–10. How does this relate to Paul's statement in verse 14?	
14. In verse 15, what does Paul do?	
15. In verses 15–17, what does Paul say is still dwelling in him?	

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