



Romans 7:1-25 | Week 8 | 3/23/2014

1. What is the main point of the illustration in verses 1-3? What twist does the application of this illustration have in verse 4?
2. How is the "new marriage" different? (v. 6) Why did we need this new relationship?
3. Why is it necessary to know that the law is good and sin is bad? (vv. 7, 12, 13)
4. In 7b - 11 Paul tells the story of his non-Christian past. How does Paul describe himself?
5. What happens when the law comes into contact with an unbeliever who is "under sin?" (vv. 7-11)
6. How does the law stir us up to sin more? (v. 8)
7. Can you relate to Christopher Ash's allegory about sin? (see below)
8. In verses 14-25 Paul moves from the past tense into the present tense. What positive things does he say about himself as a Christian in the present tense?
9. What negative things does he say?
10. How can these both be true at the same time?
11. What does it feel like to be a Christian with the heart desire to do the will of God? Compare your experiences before and after you became a Christian.
12. Have you ever been discouraged by sin and failure in your life? How does this chapter encourage you to respond? (v. 24, 25)
13. What is Paul looking forward to in verse 25a? (see 5:9, 10; 8:23; 13:11)
14. Pray.

“A man sits in a room tied to a sleeping monster called ‘sin.’ He is in precarious sense; ‘alive’ while the monster dozes. But when ‘the commandment’ enters the room and says in a loud voice to the man that he must kill the monster ‘sin.’ What happens? Surprise, surprise, the monster wakes up and doesn’t want to be killed! If it’s your life or mine, says the monster, that’s an easy choice. And so the man dies, killed by his own monster, awakened by the law.”

– Christopher Ash