

## Dead To Law, Alive In Christ

(Romans 7:1-14)

Intro: In Romans 6, verse 14 Paul stated a fundamental principle that relates to the Christian's sanctification, and the place of the Law in a believer's life: "For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace." This verse actually provides the key to understanding chapters 6 and 7. The sixth chapter dealt with the first half of this verse "*Sin shall not be master over you.*" The second half of the verse "*you are not under law, but under grace,*" is the subject of chapter 7. Chapter 6 is about the believer's death to the ruling power of sin. Chapter 7 is about the believer's death to the Law.

Paul is going to show that the only way believer's can experience true sanctification (victory over sin plus the production of positive righteousness) is by grace (the work of God in Christ) and never by obedience to Law.

### I. Is The Believer Under Law? (7:1-6)

A. The established principle (vv. 1-3)

B. The application of the principle to believers (vv. 4-6)



### II. Is The Law Evil? (7:7-12)

A. The question about the Law (v. 7a)

B. The Law *reveals sin* (v. 7b)

C. The Law *provokes sin* (vv. 7c-11)

D. The Law *reveals God's holy nature* (v. 12)

### III. Is The Law A Cause Of Death? (7:13-14)