

WEEK 13 | ROMANS 7:1-25

ROMANS | THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S POWER

OTHER HELPFUL PASSAGES.

The following passages may be helpful to you as you consider this text.

- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 15:1-17

THEMES.

The overarching theme of Romans is the gospel—salvation through Jesus Christ. That is important to remember and keep in front of your group, because the letter is a theological masterpiece. But as with any work of art, each brush stroke's true beauty is best seen when the piece as a whole is realized. To that end, we will deal with many sub-themes, but remember that each one weaves together to give the “fullest, plainest and grandest statement of the gospel in the New Testament.”¹

1. Those in Christ are no longer under the weight of the law, but under costly grace.
2. Being under grace is not an excuse to sin.
3. While we remain here, our sin nature will continue to plague us, but we don't battle alone. It's ruling power has been broken, and we are promised full and final deliverance eternally through Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS.

Feel free use any, all, or none of these questions as you facilitate your group. Their purpose is to be an aid to you as you consider how to teach the implications of the week's Scriptures.

1. Did the Holy Spirit use last week's passage or sermon to convict, challenge, or encourage you in any way? Did he use it to confirm or answer a prayer in any way? If you're willing, share with the group.
2. How has your understanding of your own sin nature changed as you have grown in your intimacy and knowledge of God? Do you often feel like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde?
3. Read verses 24-25. Are these verses hopeful to you or do they seem trite? How can this reality fuel you with living hope while you battle your sin nature today?
4. Orlando stated that believers can walk in obedience by the storage of and contact with the Holy Spirit's power.
 - Can you recognize a difference in your life prior to salvation and afterward? How has the Holy Spirit fueled that transformation in you?
 - What are some habits or rhythms in your life that help you yield to the Holy Spirit?

PRAY TO CLOSE.

¹ John R. W. Stott, *The Message of Romans: God's good news for the world*. (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1994), 19.