

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Romans 7:1-6. How does Paul use one law to draw a broad picture of the whole whole in the life of the Christian? What is his principle?
2. Read Romans 7:6-13. How does Paul view the law in general? Is the law sinful? If not- why is it not adequate for salvation?
3. Read Romans 7:14-25. What does this passage reveal about Pauls' own personal struggles with the law of Moses? What difference did Christ make to him and why is his experience relevant for everyone?
4. Read Romans 7 again. Who do you think Paul is talking too- Jews outside of Christ or Jew and Gentile inside of Christ- what part of the text led you to that belief?

B. Meditation & application

5. What are the implications of the law being a bad husband and how does this speak to your own conviction regarding salvation and human change?
6. How does this passage speak to you about self justification? Where is your confidence in this regard- you own choices or you trust in Christ? What place does will and resolve have in sanctification? What place does Christ have in this same end?
7. Some say that Romans is a short form of the teachings of Romans- how does Gal 2:20 compliment Romans 7 and what does this text say to you? How does this verse speak to your sanctification? Memorize Gal. 2:20 and take time to pray through it this week? What do you think God is saying to you through this verse? How does it help you in your pursuit of maturity and adulthood?

Prayer: Heavenly Father; we thank you for Christ. We thank you for sending him and for his atoning work. In him the work of our salvation is finished and yet we know that although you accept us as we are through our faith in Christ you call us to a special and set apart missional life. Help us to live this reality out. In Jesus Name and for his eternal glory- Amen.