

Romans 7:4-6 Reflection & Group Questions

Personal Reflection and Application:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. How has the last few months in Romans 5:1-7:6 helped you make changes in your actions and attitudes that are pleasing to God?
2. The Gospel shows us the work of Christ and calls us to believe in the person of Christ and his accomplishments for his people. What difference is a living relationship with Christ making in your motives to fight temptation?
3. If you are aware a sin that is very tempting to you at this time, then also consider the following. Since God is good, all of his rules are good. How is this temptation lying to you about God's intentions for you?

Group Discussion Guide (*Prayer Guide on back*):

Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are optional.

Group Leaders please consult your leaders guide in the weekly email.

1. How has this year in community groups help you in your relationship with Christ?
2. Woven in the chapters of Romans, Paul bring us to the topic of the Old Testament Law. Should Christians read **the Old Testament**? If so, why? What roles does it have for us? How could you know for sure?
3. Read the text above and Romans 2:25-29. What difference does the Spirit make in a person's life? Does the Spirit lead us to act in ways contrary to God's law.
4. We are in the middle of a section of Romans that runs chapters 5-8. Towards the end this section, Paul writes in chapter 8 verse 4 that one of the purposes that Christ died for us is that "**righteous requirements of the law might be fulfilled IN us (not just for us) who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit**". Even though the Christian is not under law, **is there a role the Law should have in the Christian's life?**
5. We have learned that we are in the era of the New Covenant. What does this mean? What changes is this truth making in how you see your life, its meaning, its hope, and its future?
6. A vital truth Paul has stressed in Romans is our union with Christ. All of the parts of salvation (Justification, Sanctification, Glorification) and all of Christ's accomplishments for the believe comes from being united to the person of Christ. **The Apostles taught the truths of the gospel** but called people to **trust in the person of Christ** and His Father (see

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Romans 3:21-26; 4:23-25; Ephesians 1:12-13). Some people only emphasize believing in truths (such as “Christ died for my sins”). What is the difference? Why might that matter?

7. Read Romans 13:8-10 paragraph. Then read the following summary quote. *“According to Paul, **the intention and purpose** of the law is fulfilled when we love one another. Moral norms explicate the pathway of love, charting out how love expresses itself. And yet love is not summed up in the keeping of commandments, for one may keep the commandments and still fail to love. **Love is more than keeping the commandments, even if it is not less than keeping them.** Love always seeks what is edifying and good for others and does not content itself with calculating whether one has fulfilled the proper rule. In other words, love always seeks what will bring the most glory to God in the life of one’s neighbor.”* - Tom Schreiner.
 - a. What is your response to this statement?
 - b. As we move into this summer, let us pray that God would deepen our love for him in such a way that we would pursue opportunities to practically love his people and others.

Prayer Guide:

- A. Let us pray for one another’s needs (physical, spiritual, emotional, and intellectual). And ask God to glorify himself and change us to be more like Jesus. Pray that our friends and neighbors would see “pointers” to God’s grace in our lives.
- B. Let us pray for our local, national, and global leaders, that their decisions would open doors for the gospel and that God would embolden believers to advance the gospel into difficult places.
- C. Pray that God would lead and direct the leaders and people of Country Bible. In particular ask for God to guide our steps into specific opportunities to glorify him in our tri-state area. Pray for wisdom to both take care of needs in our church family and strengthen or establish gospel-rooted healthy churches in areas of our region without access to biblical fellowship.