

Romans 7:4-25
How To Fulfill The Law Without Causing Sin To “Come Alive”
“You Have What It Takes”

“No subject is more intimately bound up with the nature of the gospel than that of law and grace. In the degree to which error is entertained at this point, in the same degree is our conception of the gospel perverted.”
John Murray

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.**”
Jesus Christ

Romans 8:3-4 For **God has done** what the law, **weakened by the flesh**, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**.

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of the Spirit
and
not in the old way
of the written code.**

We are released from the law

apart from the law,
sin lies dead.

I delight in the law of God, in my inner being

I do not understand my own actions.

For **I do not do what I want,**
but **I do the very thing I hate.**

Now if I do what I do not want,
I agree with the law, that it is good.

Now if I do what I do not want,
it is no longer I who do it,
but **sin that dwells within me.**

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our sinful passions, aroused by the law

when the commandment came,
sin came alive

Question: How do I fulfill the law (that I delight in), without causing sin to “come alive”.

Romans 7:4 Likewise, my brothers, you also have **died to the law** through the body of Christ, so that **you may belong to another**, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may **bear fruit for God**.

Romans 7:5 For while **we were living in the flesh**, our **sinful passions, aroused by the law**, were at work in our members to **bear fruit for death**.

Romans 7:6 But now **we are released from the law**, having died to that which held us captive, so that **we serve in the new way of the Spirit** and **not in the old way of the written code**.

Romans 7:7 What then shall we say? **That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.** For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

Romans 7:8 But **sin**, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, **produced in me all kinds of covetousness**. For **apart from the law, sin lies dead**.

Romans 7:9 I was once alive apart from the law, but **when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died**.

Romans 7:10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

Romans 7:11 For **sin**, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, **deceived me** and through it **killed me**.

Romans 7:12 So the **law is holy**, and the **commandment is holy** and **righteous** and **good**.

Romans 7:13 **Did that which is good, then, bring death** to me? By no means! **It was sin, producing death in me** through what is good, in order that sin might be

shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Romans 7:14 For we know that the **law is spiritual**, but I am of the flesh, **sold under sin**.

Romans 7:15 For **I do not understand my own actions**. For **I do not do what I want**, but **I do the very thing I hate**.

Romans 7:16 Now if I do what I do not want, **I agree with the law, that it is good**.

Romans 7:17 So now **it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me**.

Romans 7:18 For **I know that nothing good dwells in me**, that is, **in my flesh**. For **I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out**.

Romans 7:19 **For I do not do the good I want**, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

Romans 7:20 Now if I do what I do not want, **it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me**.

Romans 7:21 So I find it to be a law that **when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand**.

Romans 7:22 For **I delight in the law of God, in my inner being**,

Romans 7:23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and **making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members**.

Romans 7:24 Wretched man that I am! **Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

Romans 7:25 **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then, **I myself serve the law of God with my mind**, but with **my flesh I serve the law of sin**.

“We have what it takes”

Colossians 1:26 the **mystery hidden** for ages and generations but **now revealed to his saints.**

Colossians 1:27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the **glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

2Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or **do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?**—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

1Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that **God’s Spirit dwells in you?**

Romans 8:10 But **if Christ is in you**, although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit is life because of righteousness.**

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, **but Christ who lives in me.** And the life **I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ezekiel 36:26 And I will give you a **new heart**, and a **new spirit I will put within you.** And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:27 And **I will put my Spirit within you**, and **cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

Romans 5:5 and hope does not put us to shame, because **God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit** who has been given to us.

Galatians 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything, **except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

Romans 13:9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

Romans 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**

John 14:15 **“If you love me, you will keep** my commandments.

1John 2:3 And by this **we know that we have come to know him**, if we **keep his commandments.**

1John 4:19 We **love** because he **first loved us.**

1John 5:3 For this is the **love of God**, that we **keep his commandments.** And **his commandments are not burdensome.**

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become **obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching** to which you were committed,

Galatians 5:17 For the **desires of the flesh** are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, **to keep you from doing the things you want to do.**

Psalms 40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is **within my heart.**”

2Corinthians 3:3 And **you show that you are a letter from Christ** delivered by us, written not with ink but **with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.**

Luke 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, **who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching.**

Luke 10:42 but **one thing is necessary.** Mary has chosen the good portion, which **will not be taken away from her.”**