## Living for Jesus: Freed from the Law & Sin! (Romans 7:1-25)

Reviewing the "big picture"

Romans 3:19-5:21—The Apostle Paul lays out the doctrine of justification (being made right in the sight of God; i.e. our position before God).

Romans 6:1-8:39—The Apostle Paul lays out the doctrine of sanctification. Sanctification is our perseverance *in* Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. The believer has been set apart from sin, while at the same time being set apart to Christ!

The late Warren Wiersbe made the following insights:

- In chapter six, Paul deals with extreme license—we are under grace; sin doesn't matter.
- In chapter seven, Paul deals with extreme legalism—we must continue to please God through works of the law.
- 1. Believers are set apart from the letter of the Law. (Rom. 7:1-6)
- 2. Believers are <u>set apart</u> from the <u>condemnation</u> of the Law. (Rom. 7:7-14)
- 3. Believers are <u>set apart</u> from the <u>insufficiency</u> of the Law. (Rom. 7:15-25)
  - the Law cannot save (Rom. 7:15-16)
  - the Law cannot <u>transform</u> (Rom. 7:17-21)
  - the Law cannot <u>liberate</u> (Rom. 7:22-25)