

6. If it could be said that we were married to the law before salvation, according to verse 4, to whom then are we married after salvation? Have you ever considered yourself 'married' to Him? How does this affect the way you serve Him?

7. "Bearing fruit for God" (verse 4) is the end result of our new marriage. We now belong to the one who has been raised from the dead not so we may continue in sin, but that we may be productive fruit producers. What fruit have you produced for God? Does Galatians 5:22 & 23 describe the way you serve God in the Spirit (verse 6)? Or are you a better producer of the fruit that leads to death by sinful passions (verse 5)? Please be honest as you meditate on this and write your answer.

8. Read Psalm 19:7-14 and Psalm 119:1, 18, 163, 165, 174. How did this believing Jew view God's Law? Do you understand the temptation for Jews to stumble over Paul's words concerning the Law? Do you think that Christians ought to have the same view of the Law?

9. Some, after reading this letter about justification by faith alone apart from works would be tempted to call the Law sin. These were the “antinomians” or, those against (anti) the Law (noma). In your own words, summarize Paul’s defense of the Law in verses 7 through 13.

10. Paul did not use the Law as an excuse for his own sin, nor did he minimize his sin on account of the Law. He understood and clearly taught that the Law was good and holy, but that it proved to be the opportunity for sin to show its full sinfulness. In what ways do you minimize your sin? Write about a time when you blame-shifted, rationalized or excused your sin.

11. How has your understanding of the Law changed after studying this passage? What changes do you need to make in your relationship to Christ? How are you going to be different having studied Romans 7:1-13?