



## **PART 7: WILL & GRACE**

Reading Romans is like the experience of a man groping in a dark church tower who reaches out to grab whatever he can – and grasps the rope that rings the bell that wakes up the entire community.

~ *Karl Barth*

Those who seek to preach or teach this passage (Romans 7) face the problem of overcoming the weight of the long history of interpretation which has distorted Paul's intention in these verses.

~ *Paul Achtemeier*

**Now** you tell me.

~ *Bruxy Cavey*

The message of Romans 7 is, in one sense, straightforward: Only when the gospel has replaced the law, and the Holy Spirit the written code, can defeat be replaced by victory.

~ *John Stott*

The gospel offers deliverance not only from sin, but also from the law.

~ *Kenneth Boa*

If a man is dead, he is free from the Torah and the fulfilling of the commandments.

~ *Babylonian Talmud*

We should never regard the sins we commit with complacency. They are not supposed to be there. God hates them, and he has given us the power to get rid of them.

~ *Douglas Moo*

In this passage Paul helps us see that "Sin" is a power let loose in the world, a deceptive and corrosive parasite that has entwined the whole human race in its tentacles and is slowly choking it to death.

~ *N. T. Wright*

Law is the parental command not to raid the biscuit tin, an injunction that draws attention to and makes all the more desirable the very thing it prohibits. As the saying goes, stolen fruit is sweetest.

~ *Craig C. Hill*

Some people think that grace encourages sin, but that misses the point. According to Paul, *law* encourages sin. And the difference between Grace and Law is day and night – like the difference between marriage vows and separation agreements.

~ *Robert Bilmont*

Why do we serve? Not because the law is our master and we have to, but because Christ is our husband and we want to.

~ *John Stott*

Love, and do as you please.

~ *Augustine*

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

~ *The Apostle Paul*