

# IMPACT

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## *Our Memory Verse*

*Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*

—Romans 7:4—



STRAIGHT FROM THE BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART

## **BOOK OF ROMANS CHAPTER 7** **Lesson No. 23 THE LAW AND SIN**

**Life is a struggle but “sinfulness” of sin—it is evil and has brought not a fruitless struggle for death to every man (Rom. 7:7-12).** We should be thankful to our God who brought us the law that allowed us to see and realize what sin is and what it can do to us (Rom. 7:7-8). The law made us to realize that we are all sinners and worthy of death (Rom. 7:9-11).

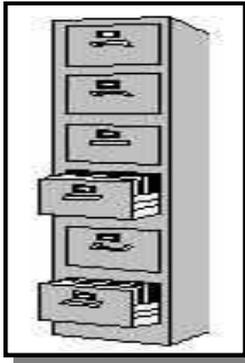
**3. The law is not the cause of death but SIN ITSELF.** By the law, I am made to realize that “I am carnal, sold under sin” (Rom. 7:13-14).

**4. The present struggles and experiences of a believer against sin (Rom. 7:15-25).**

A believer in Christ has to wage war against sin every day and I have to admit it, I do not always win. Sin has power and it even leads to or causes death. The law of God has exposed the “sinfulness” or “iniquity” of sin. However, we who believe in Christ and live for Him are never without power. As believers we have been delivered and are being delivered from sin by the power of the risen Christ. His death broke the yoke of sin to those who put their trust in Him. Romans chapter 7 speaks clearly of this reality.

### MESSAGE

- 1. The law whether Jewish or not is no longer the power of the believer against sin. The victorious Gospel [life of Christ, His death and His victorious resurrection] is now our power against sin which is beautifully illustrated by marriage (Rom. 7:1-6).** Our unsaved life has brought death because of sin (v.5) but now being released from the bondage of law, we serve God in newness of life (v.6).
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  - 4.1.** The principle of sin still lies deep in the heart [old] of a believer (vv.15-17).
  - 4.2.** The flesh [the sinful nature and not the physical body] is that personality of man controlled by sin and directed to selfishness and worldliness (vv.18-19).
  - 4.3.** There is the law of sin at war against the law of God and always seeks to control the life of a believer (vv.20-23).
  - 4.4.** Looking at the standpoint of the law of sin, we are truly wretched to the core but we have this joy and freedom through Christ Jesus our Lord who each day delivers us from being controlled by sin



# The BMA

Dr. Benny M. Abante's  
**PREACHING MATERIALS**

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK  
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD  
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE  
IN A YEAR**

## CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

JUNE 12	ROMANS 13:11-14
JUNE 13	1 COR 9:24-27
JUNE 14	1 TIMOTHY 4:8
JUNE 15	LUKE 2:30-31
JUNE 16	LUKE 2:33
JUNE 17	MATTHEW 16:21-28
JUNE 18	PHIL 4:10-18

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after

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## CONCLUSION

Daily we are at war against sin. Our enemies—the self, the world and the devil are all around us and in us. They are all one in pursuit to control and make us miserable. But praises and thanks be to the Lord who through His Spirit indwells us and gives us the strength, power and victory over sin. And yes, it is a struggle but let us find joy and strength knowing that the Lord understands, comforts, cleanses, pardons, delivers and empowers us. *Blessed be God that giveth us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!*

—*BMA's Messages 06.12.16*



### **A Commentary on Romans 7:20-25**

**By Matthew Henry**

Here is a description of the conflict between grace and corruption in the heart, between the law of God and the law of sin. And it is applicable two ways:—1. To the struggles that are in a convinced soul, but yet unregenerate, in the person of whom it is supposed, by some, that Paul speaks. 2. To the struggles that are in a renewed sanctified soul, but yet in a state of imperfection; as other apprehend. And a great controversy there is of which

of these we are to understand the apostle here. So far does the evil prevail here, when he speaks of one sold under sin, doing it, not performing that which is good, that it seems difficult to apply it to the regenerate, who are described to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit; and yet so far does the good prevail in hating sin, consenting to the law, delighting in it, serving the law of God with the mind, that it is more difficult to apply it to the unregenerate that are dead in trespasses and sins.

His great comfort lay in Jesus Christ (Rom. 7:25): I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the midst of his complaints he breaks out into praises. It is a special remedy against fears and sorrows to be much in praise: many a poor drooping soul hath found it so. And, in all our praises, this should be the burden of the son, "Blessed be God for Jesus Christ." Who shall deliver me? says he (Rom. 7:24), as one at a loss for help. At length he finds an all-sufficient friend, even Jesus Christ. When we are under the sense of the remaining power of sin and corruption, we shall see reason to bless God through Christ (for, as he is the mediator of all our prayers, so he is of all our praises)—to bless God for Christ; it is he that stands between us





and the wrath due to us for this sin. If it were not for Christ, this iniquity that dwells in us would certainly be our ruin. He is our advocate with the Father, and through him God pities, and spares, and pardons, and lays not our iniquities to our charge. It is Christ that has purchased deliverance for us in due time. Through Christ death will put an end to all these complaints, and waft us to an eternity which we shall spend without sin or sigh. Blessed be God that giveth us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!