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**Romans 6:17 (NLT)** Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you.

**Romans 7:1–3 (CSB)** Since I am speaking to those who know the law, brothers and sisters, don’t you know that the law rules over someone as long as he lives? 2For example, a married woman is legally bound to her husband while he lives. But if her husband dies, she is released from the law regarding the husband. 3So then, if she is married to another man while her husband is living, she will be called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law. Then, if she is married to another man, she is not an adulteress.

**Romans 7:4 (CSB)**4Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you also were put to death in relation to the law through the body of Christ so that you may belong to another. You belong to him who was raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God.

**Romans 7:4b–5 (CSB)**. . . You belong to him who was raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. 5For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions aroused through the law were working in us, to bear fruit for death. 6But now we have been released from the law, since we have died to what held us, so that we may serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the old letter of the law.

**Romans 7:7a** What should we say then? Is the law sin? . . .

**Romans 7:7b (CSB) . . .** Absolutely not! But, I would not have known sin if it were not for the law . . .

**Romans 7:7b** . . . For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, **Do not covet**.

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**Romans 7:8–13 (CSB)**8And sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind. For apart from the law sin is dead. 9Once I was alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life again 10and I died. The commandment that was meant for life resulted in death for me. 11For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me. 12So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good. 13Therefore, did what is good become death to me? Absolutely not! But, sin, in order to be recognized as sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure.

**Romans 7:14–17 (NLT)** 14So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. 15I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate. 16But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. 17So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

**Galatians 5:16–18 (NLT)** 16So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

**Romans 7:18 (NLT)** And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. (my flesh) I want to do what is right, but I can’t.

**Romans 7:19–20 (NLT)** 19I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. 20But if I do what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

**Romans 7:21 (CSB)**So I discover this law:, When I want to do what is good, evil is present with me.

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**Romans 7:22–24 (CSB)** 22For in my inner self I delight in God’s law, 23but I see a different law in the parts of my body,, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me prisoner to the law of sin in the parts of my body. 24What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

**Romans 7:25 (NIV)** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.