Romans Bible Study Questions: Chapter 7

Chapter 7 begins with a legal principle: “the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives.” Then he illustrates it (v 2-3). How does the principle apply to those who are now in Christ (v 4-6)? What are the ramifications?

Perhaps obviously, it cannot be said that a whole way of life given directly by God – the Law – can be wrong or evil. What good work has the Law done (v 7-12)?

Discuss the contrast Paul makes between the Law that is “spiritual” and the flesh, “sold under sin” (v 14). How does this spiritual nature of the Law help to explain its role in revealing sin as sin?

Looking at v 15-24, in our struggle against sin, where do the sinful desires come from? How common is the frustration described in these verses?

Are we being excused from sin, since we all desire to do good, and “it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me” (v 15-24)? How does the preceding discussion about the Law apply here, since we now have the Law written on our hearts and minds by the Spirit of God (Jeremiah 31:33)?

What “Law of God” do we now serve with our minds (v 25)?