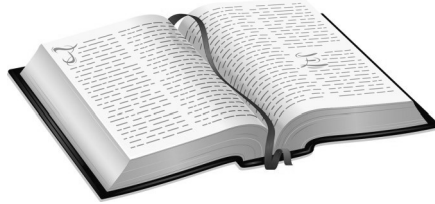


# *Bible Correspondence Fellowship*



## **Answer Sheet for English Standard Version (ESV)**

### *Romans - Lesson 3 of 5*

#### *Romans Chapter 7*

##### **FREEDOM FROM THE LAW**

In this chapter we discover the failures of a justified man to attain holiness by trying to keep the Law after he had been saved by faith. Primarily, Paul is addressing Jewish Christians who had been under the Law of Moses before receiving Christ as Savior. Although Gentile believers were never under the Law, the principle could also apply to them.

**Please read Chapter 7. ☐ Check.**

1. (v. 7:1) How long does the Law have dominion/authority over a man?

as long as he lives

2. (v. 7:2) How long is a woman bound by Law to her husband?

while he lives

3. (v. 7:3) Is she free to marry again if her husband dies?

if her husband dies, she is free from that law

In other words, she is FREE FROM THE LAW by the death of her husband. Death ends a relationship, setting one free to enter into a new relationship. Therefore, Paul concludes in verse 4 that we died to the Law through the body of Christ so that we belong to Him in a new relationship, He who was raised from the dead, rather than belonging to the Law.

4. (v. 7:4) Believers have died to the Law through Christ on the cross and are to be married (joined) to another. Who? him who has been raised from the dead

**Note:** Union with Christ brings forth fruitfulness in our lives.

**Please read Galatians 5:22-23. ☐ Check.**

5. Name five of the fruits of the Spirit as shown in the life of the believer.

1. love                      2. peace                      3. patience  
4. joy                      5. kindness

**Please read Galatians 5:19-21. ☐ Check.**

6. Name five works of the flesh.

1. impurity                      2. sensuality                      3. idolatry  
4. sexual immorality                      5. strife

**Note:** The contrast of what sin in the flesh produces in the unsaved, and what the Holy Spirit produces in the believer.

7. (v. 7:6) Being now delivered from the Law, the Jewish believer was free to serve God in serve in the new way and not in the in the old way of the written code, that is, in observing all the minute details of the Mosaic Law. Freedom in Christ will render greater service than being in bondage under the Law.

**Holiness not by the Law. Please read Romans 7:7-14. ☐ Check.**

In this section Paul describes his earlier struggle as a converted Jew and his attempt to be holy by trying to keep the Law after he was saved by faith. Paul was not troubled about pardon from sin. He had shown in the preceding chapters that faith in Christ secured pardon.

8. (v. 7:7) In Romans 3:20 we learned that “...*through the Law comes the knowledge of sin*” (NASB). By which commandment of the Law was Paul convicted?

You shall not covet.

9. (v. 7:9) Paul thought himself “alive” (not condemned) until he became aware of the Law. The Law revealed his sin, and he came under the penalty of death. So, in (v. 7:10), he found that the commandment, instead of giving life, actually did what?

commandment that promised life proved to be death to me

10. (v. 7:12) What is said about the Law in this verse?  
the commandment is holy and righteous and good.
11. (v. 7:13) The last part of this verse gives an important purpose of the Law. What is the purpose?  
in order that sin might be shown to be sin
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The Law made sin more prominent by condemning it.

**Please read Galatians 3:24-25. ☐ Check.**

12. (Gal 3:23-24) We are told here what the purpose of the Law was. Explain, in your own words, what the Law was to do.  
now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian (the law)
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This is most important to see, for Paul did not understand this in his early Christian life, as he continues to relate in Romans 7. Paul tried to put himself back under the Law to attain holiness and failed. Note how Paul reacts when he becomes more aware of the demands of the Law.

### **THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE TWO NATURES OF THE BELIEVER.**

Every true believer has two conflicting natures. The one is received by natural birth and is called the flesh. The other nature that we receive when we are born again is called the spirit.

**Galatians 5:17 tells us** *"...the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other so that you do not do what you want"* (NIV). That is, you cannot sin without being convicted from within.

**Please read Romans 7:15-25. ☐ Check.**

13. (vv. 7:15-17) Paul shows that the believer has conflict between the old nature and the new nature.  
(v. 7:17) What causes Paul to do wrong (sin)? sin that dwells within me
14. (v. 7:18) Does Paul want to do good? to do what is right
15. (v. 7:19) Can he find the strength to do it?  
no - he says: I do not do the good I want
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16. (v. 7:21) What “Law” is true about Paul?

I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand

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17. (v. 7:22) What does the inner man delight in? in the law of God,

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18. (v. 7:24) How does Paul describe himself? Wretched man

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19. (v. 7:25) How was he delivered from this struggle?

God through Jesus Christ our Lord

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Note the words of praise “I thank God” when he discovers there is deliverance.

## *Romans Chapter 8*

### **LIFE THROUGH THE SPIRIT**

The eighth chapter is one of the most beloved chapters in the Bible. Here we find much of the teaching concerning the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer and for the believer. The latter part of the chapter, verses 29-39, teaches us the calling, position, and security we have in Christ.

**The Holy Spirit in the Believer. Please read Romans 8:1-18 ☐ Check.**

1. (v. 8:1) Who are they that have no condemnation?

those who are in Christ Jesus

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As far as the believer is concerned, judgment is past. At Calvary, Christ bore the penalty of our sins. The believer’s standing is secure because it rests entirely on Jesus Christ and His finished work.

2. (v. 8:2) From what law does the law of the Spirit free the believer? the Spirit of life

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Sin and death were brought into the world through Adam’s trespass.

**Read again Romans 5:12-15. ☐ Check.**

3. (v. 8:3) This Law refers to the Law of Moses, or the Ten Commandments. Note that according to this verse the Law could not produce the obedience it demanded.

Is it possible for sinful flesh to obey a Holy Law? no

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What the Law could not do, God did by sending his own Son

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The word “flesh” used in verses 3 through 13 means our sinful nature. In verse 3 the Law could not make us righteous because the flesh was unable to obey it.

4. (v. 8:4a) Why did God condemn sin in the flesh? Please use your own words.

in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us

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**Note:** That the righteousness of the Law is fulfilled in the believer, not by the believer. It is the Holy Spirit in the believer that fulfills the righteousness of the Law.

5. (v. 8:4b) The believer is one who does not

walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

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Walking according to the flesh is to reject the gift of salvation through Christ and to seek to establish righteousness by works.

**Read Romans 8:5-8. ☐ Check.**

In these verses we see a contrast between two ways of life: the fleshly (carnal or sinful nature) and the spiritual. To be “in the flesh” is to be governed, or controlled, by the desires of the flesh.

6. Verses 8:5 and 8:6 show a great contrast between those who set their minds on the flesh and those who set their minds on the Spirit. What are these contrasting results? Use your own words.

(varies) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

7. (vv. 8:7-8) Using your own words note three things said about the carnal mind.

1. (varies) hostile to God

2. does not submit to God's law

3. cannot please God

8. (v. 8:9) The born-again believer is not controlled by the sinful nature, but \_\_\_\_\_  
If a person does not have the Spirit, does he belong to God? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Romans 8:10-13. ☐ Check.**

9. (v. 8:10) If Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet

10. (v. 8:11) Who brings life? \_\_\_\_\_

The Holy Spirit quickens us (or makes us alive unto God) and gives us the power to overcome the flesh (sin). The Holy Spirit comes into our lives when we by faith receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. He himself seals us and becomes a guarantee of our RE-DEMPTION (that is, our being bought by God with the precious blood of Christ.) See 1 Peter 1:18-19. Our position in Christ is secure.

11. (vv. 8:12-14) What will happen if you live by the flesh?

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What will happen if you live by the Spirit? Why?

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**Read Romans 8:15-17.** ☐ Check.     **A New Position**

12. (v. 8:15) Who gives us assurance that we are children of God? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: "Abba" is a word like "daddy," used by a child to show complete trust.

13. (v. 8:16) What does the Holy Spirit do with our spirit?

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14. (v. 8:17) We are heirs of God and co-heirs of Christ, and share His inheritance if we share His

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**Read Romans 8:18-25.** ☐ Check.     **The Suffering Creation**

15. (v. 8:18) What are the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be compared to?

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16. (vv. 8:19-23) These verses refer to the suffering of all creation (sometimes translated "creature") because of sin and death.

What does v. 21 say about the future of creation?

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17. (v. 8:23) We suffer (groan) also, as we wait for what?

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18. (vv.8:24-25) What does the word hope mean as it is used here?

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The redemption of the body is the hope of the Christian. Hope anticipates and expects. Are you patiently waiting for this hope?

**Read Romans 8:26-28. ☐ Check.**

Answer the following statements True or False.

19. The Holy Spirit will help us in our weaknesses. \_\_\_\_\_

20. We know what we should pray for. \_\_\_\_\_

21. The Spirit prays or intercedes for us. \_\_\_\_\_

22. The Spirit prays for us according to the will of God . \_\_\_\_\_

23. God makes all things work together for good to those who love Him. \_\_\_\_\_

24. God had no purpose in calling (saving) us. \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Romans 8:29-31. ☐ Check.**

25. (v. 8:29) Did God know us before we were born? \_\_\_\_\_

26. (v. 8:29) What is God's purpose for our lives?

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27. (v. 8:30) Since believers are foreknown and predestined by God, they are also

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

28. (v. 8:31) No wonder Paul says, "What shall we then say to these things?"

"If God is \_\_\_\_\_, who can be \_\_\_\_\_?"

29. (v. 8:32) He spared not \_\_\_\_\_ but gave Him up for us all.

30. (v. 8:32) He gives us graciously \_\_\_\_\_.
31. (v. 8:34) It is Christ that is \_\_\_\_\_.
32. (v. 8:37) We are more than \_\_\_\_\_.
33. (vv. 8:38-39) Name five things that cannot separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_

## *Romans Chapter 9*

During this present age, God is saving Jews and Gentiles individually, apart from any covenant or promise. Chapter 9 demonstrates God's sovereignty, that is, His absolute freedom to do as He pleases.

**Read Romans 9:1-5. \_\_\_\_\_ Check.**

1. (v. 9:2) How do we know that Paul was deeply burdened?

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2. (vs. 9:3-4a)) For whom was he especially concerned?

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3. List eight privileges God gave the Jews.

- (v. 9:4) 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 9:5) 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Israel's greatest privilege was that through them \_\_\_\_\_ would come.

5. (v. 9:6) Is everyone who is born a Jew a true Israelite? \_\_\_\_\_

6. (v. 9:7) Is everyone a child of the promise who is a descendant of Abraham? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Paul is comparing natural birth with spiritual birth.

(v. 9:8) Who are the children of God?

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7. (v. 9:9) What promise did God make to Abraham and Sarah?

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**Read Genesis 17:15-21; 18:10-18; 25:21-26. \_\_\_\_\_ Check.**

9. Who were the sons of Abraham?

From Gen. 16:1-16 \_\_\_\_\_

From Gen. 21:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

From Gen. 21:9-12 Through which son did God choose to fulfill His promise of blessing?

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From Gen. 25:21-26 Who were the sons of Isaac? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Romans 9:10-18. \_\_\_\_\_ Check.**

10. Does God have the right to choose those through whom He will fulfill his purposes?

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Which son of Isaac did God choose? \_\_\_\_\_

11. (v. 9:14) Is God unfair in his dealings with man? \_\_\_\_\_

(v. 9:15) Does God choose those on whom He will have mercy? \_\_\_\_\_

12. (v. 9:17) For what purpose did God raise up Pharaoh at the time of Moses?

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**Read Exodus 14:1-18. \_\_\_\_\_ Check.**

13. (Exodus 14:4) Did God harden Pharaoh's heart? \_\_\_\_\_

14. (Exodus 14:4) For what reason did He do this?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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God can use evil to accomplish good, as evidenced in His dealings with Pharaoh.

**Read Romans 9:19-24. \_\_\_\_\_ Check.**

15. (v. 9:20) What question should we never ask God?

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16. (v. 9:21) Since God is the Creator, does He have the authority to do with us as He pleases? \_\_\_\_\_

17. (vs. 9:22-23) Why does God endure with longsuffering/patience the vessels of wrath (the objects of his anger)?

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18. (v. 9:23) Who are the vessels of mercy (the objects of His anger)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read Romans 9:25-29. \_\_\_\_\_ Check.      What the Prophets Foretold.**

In these four verses, Paul quotes from the prophets Hosea and Isaiah to show that the true children of God were those He called out of the nation of Israel.

19. (v. 9:27) How many of the nation of Israel will be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

**Read and compare the following scriptures:**

Romans 9:25 and Hosea 2:23

Romans 9:26 and Hosea 1:10

Romans 9:27-29 and Isaiah 10:22-23

These verses show how God fulfills His word, though it was prophesied hundreds of years in advance.

**Read Romans 9:30-33. \_\_\_\_\_ Check.**

20.(v. 9:30) Did the Gentiles pursue righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_

21. (v. 9:30) Did they attain it? \_\_\_\_\_

22. (v. 9:31) Did Israel pursue righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_

23. (v. 9:31) Did they attain it? \_\_\_\_\_

24. (v. 9:32a ) Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

25. (v. 9:32b) How did Israel seek righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_

26. (v. 9:32b) What caused them to stumble? \_\_\_\_\_

27. (1 Corinthians 1:23; and also 1 Peter 2:4-8) Who was this stumbling stone?

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**SUMMARY**

The Gentiles, while not seeking righteousness, recognized their lost condition, and turned to Christ for salvation. The Jews, as a nation, pursued righteousness on their own merit and rejected the Savior.

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