

## **Free yet Battling** (Ro 7:1-25)

### **Battles**

### **Bondage & bondage-breaking** (1-25)

Another question (1)

Analogy (2-3)

Application (4-6)

The Law brings death, not freedom

Released from the law

A new result (We serve in the new way of the Spirit)

### Summary

#### Romans 6

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Freed	... from sin (6:7, 18)	... from the law (7:6)
Death	... to sin (6:2)	... to the law (7:4)
Union	... with Christ's death (6:3)	... through the body of Christ (7:4)
Shared	... in X's resurrection (6:4-5)	... w/ Him who was raised from the dead (7:4)
We now	... live in newness of life (6:4)	... serve in newness of Spirit (7:6)
Our fruit	... leads to holiness (6:22)	... is borne to God (7:4)

### **Is the Law evil and without purpose?** (7-13)

Answer (7a)

Argument (7b-9)

False Promises (10-11)

Conclusion (12)

Consternation (13)

### **Engaging a battle** (14-25)

Freedom is not eradication

Civil war: Right desire, embattled execution

Gaining self-understanding (14-23)

The \$50 question: pre- or post-salvation?

1. It takes the life of Christ to evoke the battle
2. Paul writes with present tense verbs
3. Paul's inner tension is clear
4. I've experienced the same battle
5. The context of the NT (see Gal 5:17)

Does the battle imply I've lost or never had salvation?

Maybe you share Paul's cry (24)

Good News (25-8:1)

### **Take it Home - What's your choice?**