



## Book of Romans

### Lesson 22

#### “Alive and Dead, Dead and Alive”

Romans 7:7-13

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Read Psalm 19:7-11. Make a list of the things that the law does, according to verses 7-9 (I count 5 things).

Now, make a list of how the law is described in verses 7-9 (I count 5 adjectives).

What does the Psalmist desire God’s *law more than*?

What benefit does this Psalmist gain from the law?

Read Galatians 3:19-22. According to this passage, why was the law added?

What was the already decided upon ending for the law? (Check out the “until”.)

Why does Paul say, here, that the law is *not* contrary to the promises of God?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What was our spiritual condition when we were living under sin?

What was our very nature?

Whose wrath were we under?

What characteristic of God is associated with our being made alive?

Circle each time the word “grace” appears in these verses. Whose grace is being referenced?

Through what have we been saved?

What are we, according to verse 10, in relation to God?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:14-16. What is the natural (sinful) person not able to accept or understand?

Why?

Why is the spiritual person (alive in Christ) able to understand those things?

Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16. Why did Christ come into the world?

Why does Paul say he received mercy from God?

Was it, primarily, for Paul's benefit?

How do you know? (Hint: read verse 17, too.)

There is simply no getting around it; in our sin, we are spiritually dead. It is only through Christ that we are made alive. As you spend time with God today, consider whether you, like the Psalmist, find God's word sweeter than honey and more attractive than gold.

How is or isn't that evident in *your* life? Remember, this isn't about an outward show; this is about heart change. Ask Him to change your heart, to continue to draw you to Him to desire His law and to meditate on it, day and night.