**WALKING THE ROMAN ROAD**

**The Struggle Continues**

**Romans 7:1-25**

***(Still dealing with the law)***

**A NEW OBJECTIVE vs.1-6**

*‘That we might bear fruit to God” (vs. 4)*

The old objective was to bear fruit for death

 Controlled by the sinful nature

 Sinful passions at work

The new objective is to bear fruit to God

 Released to serve in the Spirit (John 16:8)

**A NEW PERSPECTIVE Vs. 7-13**

 *“I would not have known what sin was…’ (Vs.7)*

On sin: as defined by the written law

On the law: not given to save but to condemn

 On grace: greater than sin and law

**A NEW DIRECTIVE vs. 14-25**

*“Who will rescue me…? Jesus Christ” (vs. 14-25)*

 From keeping the letter of the law

 Phil.3:4-6

 To honoring the giver of the law

 Vs, 18-24

NOTES

No longer “wed” to the Law, but now the Bride of Christ, we belong to Him. To have and to hold, till death brings us together.

* Vs 4-5 – The Law is not dead Jesus has fulfilled the Law for me.
	+ As we live by the Spirit, our lives produce spiritual fruit, for life, living fruit
* Vs 6 – I live now by the Spirit, not by the Law, the law is satisfied
* Vs 7-8 – No longer bound by the Law which brought death – Jesu brings life
	+ I thought I was OK till the Law told me I was not
* Vs9 – the reality of sin and the penalty
* Vs 14 – self-control vs God control
* Vs 18 – dealt with at the cross
* Vs 21-25 – Spiritual Warfare?