

**WARNING SIGN #10: I OFTEN FEEL THAT THERE IS NO HOPE.** (Romans 7:21-23)

- ALLOW YOUR WARNING SIGNS TO LEAD YOU TO...There must be more.
- THIS LOST BATTLE BRINGS ME TO THE ONLY POSITION OF HOPE: Jesus Christ.

*"Oh, wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin."* Romans 7:24-25

Celebrate Recovery (a Christian 12-step program) meets every Saturday at 5:00 pm.

The Men's and Women's Freedom Groups (freedom from sexual sins), meet weekly.

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**Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after the service.**

**"...pray for one another..." James 5:16**

# TEN WARNING SIGNS OF...THERE MUST BE MORE

(ROMANS, CHAPTER SEVEN)

I. INTRODUCTION: What is Romans, Chapter Seven, About?

II. KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THIS STRUGGLE

1. Key words of Romans seven:

- "law" (in its' various aspects) - 23 times
- "I" - 33 times
- "Christ" - 2 times
- "Holy Spirit" - 1 time

III. RECOGNIZING THE WARNING SIGNS

**WARNING SIGN #1: CONFUSION** (Romans 7:1-6)

- The law has not died. The law refers to outward rules and regulations by which we try to please God apart from Christ.
- The law is still in existence.

- **Key:** The law (old husband) has not died. You (the wife) have not died.
- Jesus died.
- Through the death of Christ I am freed from the law.
- This section of Romans is written for the legalist who lives under and by the law. They are seeking to be made right in God's eyes and transformed into His likeness by the law (their own works). We are declared free from the legalist's law.

**WARNING SIGN #2:** GOOD RULES CAUSE YOU TO REBEL. *(Romans 7:7-12)*

- The key concept here is "covet" (7:7). Paul is quoting the tenth commandment. However, the tenth commandment exposes the root of the problem, the law of sin. The other nine commandments deal with the fruit (expression) of sin.
- "The nine broken commandments are simply the fruit of the inner root, the tenth commandment." *(John R.W. Stott)*
  - The "law is good." It is we who are evil and unable to abide by the law.

➤ The "law is good" in that it exposes sin and leads us to Christ and utter dependence on Him.

- This section is written for the antinomians (those who think they are not under any law). "Blaming the law for their problems, they reject it altogether, and claim to be rid of all obligations to its demands. They have turned liberty into license." *(John R.W. Stott)*

**WARNING SIGN #3:** MY IDENTITY IS THAT I AM CARNAL AND UNSPIRITUAL. *(Romans 7:13-14)*

**WARNING SIGN #4:** I OFTEN DON'T UNDERSTAND MY OWN ACTIONS. *(Romans 7:15)*

**WARNING SIGN #5:** I CONTINUALLY WANT TO DO SOMETHING, BUT I DON'T DO OR PRACTICE IT. *(Romans 7:15)*

**WARNING SIGN #6:** WHEN MY DAY IS OVER I CONSTANTLY FIND THAT WHAT I HATE IS EXACTLY WHAT I DO. *(Romans 7:15)*

**WARNING SIGN #7:** I WOULD DESCRIBE MY LIFE AS A LOSING BATTLE. *(Romans 7:16-18)*

**WARNING SIGN #8:** I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT IS RIGHT. *(Romans 7:18)*

**WARNING SIGN #9:** I KNOW THAT MANKIND WAS CREATED GOOD BUT MY INHERITED SIN NATURE RULES OVER ME. *(Romans 7:19-20)*