

Romans 7:7-25
The Law Is not Sinful or Deadly;
But It Cannot Free From Sin and Death
(Explanation of 5:20a; 7:5-6)

7:7-12 – Question 1:
Is the Law Sinful,
Since It Awakens Sin?
No, It Alerts Us To Sin
and Is Holy

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7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid.

Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. 8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

9 For I was alive without the law once: but **when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.** 10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

7:7a: (Q & A) **Is the Law sinful? No!**

7:7b-11: (Explanation of 7a) **The Law is used by sin**

Sin, by using the Law, came alive in me (7b-8)

Sin, by using the Law, killed me (9-11)

7:12: (Conclusion) **The Law is good**

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7 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means!

Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” 8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.

9 I was once alive apart from the law, but **when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.** 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.