



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**The Life of Paul, Episode 13:**  
**"Paul and the Law, #2: The Mosaic Law"**  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Matthew 5:17; Romans 7:6; 3:1-2; 7:12; 10:4;**  
**Galatians 3:10, 23-25; 4:5**

1. How have we been released from the Law of Moses (*Romans 7:6*)? What does it mean to "die to" (or be "released from") the Law? What does it mean to serve in the "new way" of the Spirit as opposed to the "old way" of the "written code" (or "letter")?
  
2. Read *Psalm 147:19-20* and *Romans 3:1-2*. Why did God give His word or law solely to the nation of Israel? Was withholding His word from the Gentile nations cruel of God to do? If the Mosaic Law was "holy, righteous, and good" (*Romans 7:12*), why did God replace it and release us from it?
  
3. Why do you think God chose to establish the Mosaic Law in the first place (*Exodus 19-24*)? What benefit would such a burdensome list of regulations have for the nation of Israel? How does Paul relate his struggles with sin to the Law in *Romans 7:7-25*?
  
4. How is the Mosaic Law a curse (*Galatians 3:10*)? Is it a curse solely for those who were part of Israel or is it still a curse for us today? In light of what Christ accomplished for us (*Galatians 3:13*), have you truly experienced freedom from the curse of the Law (see *2 Corinthians 3:9*)?

5. What did Jesus mean when He said that He came to “fulfill” the Law and Prophets and not “abolish” them (*Matthew 5:17*)? How does Christ’s fulfillment apply to us when we place our faith in Him? Are we “descendants/offspring” of Abraham (*Romans 4:16*)? If so, what qualifies us as “descendants?”
  
6. What difference does the reality of Christ’s fulfillment of the Law (and Prophets) make in your life on a daily basis (see *Romans 10:4*; *Galatians 3:23-25*)? When you read in *Galatians 4:5* that you have been “redeemed” and adopted as a “son” (or “daughter”) of God, how are you impacted?
  
7. Take some time this week and read through *Psalms 119*. Even though this Psalm is talking about the Old Testament Law of God, how are you impacted when you realize that you have abundant access to God’s word and decrees through the Bible?

**Memory Verse:**

**“But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.”**  
**(Romans 7:6, NIV)**