Paul’s Attitude to the Law in Romans 7

- Is Paul saying here that the Law is bad and no longer necessary for Christians?

Who is Paul talking about in Romans 7: 14-25?

- Is he talking about himself before he became a Christian?
- Is he talking about himself after his conversion?
- Is he referring to someone else?

3 Features of the Person Paul is Describing in Romans 7:14-25

- Someone Who:
- Loves and delights in the law (V 23),
- Is still a slave to the law of sin (V 14, 25),
- Knows nothing about the Spirit in his or her life.

Comment on Romans 7: 4-6

- In the old order we were married to the law and controlled by the flesh, and we bore fruits for death, whereas as members of the new order we are married to the risen Christ and liberated from the law, and we bear fruit for God. We need then to keep a watch on ourselves and others, lest we should ever slip back from the new order into the old…from freedom to slavery, from the indwelling spirit to an external code, from Christ to the law. (John Stott)

Related Questions on Sin and the Law

- What does Paul mean by saying that Christians are ‘not under the law but under grace?’ (Rom. 6:14)
- What does Paul mean when he says that, ‘But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law?’ (Gal. 5:18)

Related Questions on Sin and the Law

- What does Paul mean when he says in verse 7:6 that we have been released from the law?
- Does it mean we have no further obligations to the law?