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- II. Now read [Romans 7:7-13](#). In what sense is sin dead apart from the law? (See also [Romans 3:20](#); [4:15](#); [5:13](#)). In what way does sin produce death in us (verse 13)? According to [Galatians 3:19-25](#), what is the role of the law? Can we obey God's laws now? Should we try?
- III. Finally, read [Romans 7:14-24](#). What personal pronoun do you see repeated in this section? Am I (alone) able to comply with God's will? When do you suppose Paul experienced this struggle, before becoming a Christian or after? Can Christians still seek to please God by their own efforts? Explain your answer. What do you believe is the "secret" to overcoming sin now as a believer? (Note [Romans 7:6](#))

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