THE GROWTH OF FAITH Romans 7:1-25 Key Verse: 7:25a

"Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

STUDY QUESTIONS

- Read 7:1-4. Why are Christians no longer under the law? (1,4) How does the law of marriage illustrate this? (2,3,4) What is our new relationship to Jesus? (Isa 54:5; 2Co 11:2) What is the fruit of our union with Christ?
- 2. Read 7:5-6. Why did we bear fruit for death when we were married to the law? How were we released from the law? What is the new way in which we serve?
- 3. Read 7:7-13. Is the law sinful or bad? Why or why not? What is function of the law? Which commandment made Paul realize that he was dead in sin? How is the 10th commandment different from the others?
- 4. Read verses 14-20. What is the struggle that goes on inside one who wants to do what is right? (Heb 12:4) Why is it better to struggle with sin before God than to struggle with men? (Ge 4:7b)
- Read verses 21-24. What do these verses teach about the nature of man? What are the 2 spiritual principles at work within us? What is Paul's cry? (24)
- 6. Read verse 25. What is the only way out of this defeated situation? What is Paul's cause for thanksgiving? What can we learn in this chapter about commitment to Jesus and spiritual growth?