

## Jesus is better than religion

Romans 7:1-13

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*Religion is about external things: structures, systems, activities, and rules that help us practice our faith. Religion tells us what we \_\_\_\_\_ do to. It doesn't change what we \_\_\_\_\_ to do.*

Sin was the problem, so God gave His people the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Law did not solve the problem of sin, so God sent His \_\_\_\_\_.

Through Jesus we died to sin...and to the \_\_\_\_\_!

Those who are united with Christ are no longer ruled by sin \_\_\_\_\_ the Law.

The Law demanded complete \_\_\_\_\_.

-It had authority over us.

-We were bound to it.

The Law was \_\_\_\_\_.

-We were still controlled by our sinful nature. (v. 5)

-It increased \_\_\_\_\_. (5:20)

-It increased temptation (v. 8)

-It didn't save from \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 9,10)

The Law was good, but not good enough because we were so \_\_\_\_\_.

We can't give ourselves to Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to the Law.

-Gal. 1:6,7; 2:21-3:3

-2 Cor. 11:2-4

It's better to belong to Jesus.

-You will bear better \_\_\_\_\_.

-Your "want to" will become the \_\_\_\_\_ as your "ought to."

-Jeremiah 31:33

-Colossians 1:26,27

### Life Application Questions:

1. Does the word "religion" mean something positive to you, or something negative? Why?
2. Have you ever experienced an environment of legalism? What was it like?
3. What are some examples of legalism among Christians today? What is the fruit of this?
4. When you do the right thing, is it more often because you ought to, or because you want to?