

## Weekly Study Guide

Karl Marx once described faith as something that "provides weak people with pleasant illusions which give them strength to carry on". Where would he get an idea like that, and how would you respond?

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If someone were to ask you, "What is the New Testament?", how would you respond?

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Who or what shaped your current views and perspectives regarding the New Testament?

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Do you have a favorite New Testament story? If so, what is it and why is it your favorite?

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Read [Romans 7:4-6](#). (You may need to read it several times...slowly!) How do you interpret the following phrases:

- "died to the law" \_\_\_\_\_
- "belong to another" \_\_\_\_\_
- "new way of the Spirit" \_\_\_\_\_
- "old way of the written code" \_\_\_\_\_

Now that you've broken it apart, put Romans 7:4-6 back together and interpret its overall meaning.

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Read [John 13:34-35](#). What is Jesus' new command? What is so new about it?

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Using this same passage as your personal measuring stick, do people know that you are a follower of Christ? Why or why not?

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**Daily Prayer**: God, thank you that Jesus makes it so simple...and yet, so demanding. Give me the wisdom, the courage and the motivation to love all others as Jesus has loved me. Amen.