

**Enjoying the freedom of our faith will require us to R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to replace R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with religious R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Why religious R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ runs contrary to living by faith?**

1. **We are D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Law (v. 1-6)**
2. **We can N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_ the Law?**

The Law’s P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7-13)

Romans 2:14, 23; 3:20-21; 4:15; 5:13; 7:7-8, 13; Galatians 3:24

What happends when we I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Romans 6:2

Romans 14:3-4

 Colossians 3:23-24

*What do I need to do with what I have heard today?*

**May 10, 2015 Sermon Notes**

**Free From the Restraints of Religion Romans 7:1-25**

Doing Life Together

11. Ask those who are willing to honestly answer the following question: When you pray, how often do you ask God what He desires of you? What keeps you from honestly considering what God wants of you and how He would have you live?

12. How might we cultivate a greater awareness of the motives with which we seek and obey God? What is one step you could take toward moving away from living as Law Keeper and toward living as Relationship Protector?

**Prayer Requests**

 GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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 THINKING THINGS THROUGH ……….

1. What is the best thing you have done for the wrong reasons? What happened?

2. What would the right motive have been? Would things have gone differently if your motives had been pure?

3. When George introduced the concept of “Relationship Protectors,” what did he mean? What is a Relationship Protector?

 **Digging Deeper**

**read Matthew 5:17-20.**

4. What did Jesus mean by saying that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets (v. 17)?

5. What are some ways Jesus fulfilled “the Law and the Prophets” (see Rom. 3:21-28, 4:15, 7:26-28, 8:3-4, and 8:6)?

6. If Jesus fulfilled the law through His life, death, and resurrection, what purpose does the law serve today (Rom. 7:7-8; Gal. 3:22-25)?

7. What was Jesus trying to communicate when He said we must exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees (see Rom. 3:21-22)?

**read Matthew 6:5-8.**

8. Pastor George talked about the difference between Law Keepers and Relationship Protectors. How did the hypocrites and pagans both demonstrate a Law Keeper attitude in their prayers?

9. What attitude is required to “close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen”? How does this type of prayer honor God and focus on protecting our relationship with Him?

10. If “your Father knows what you need before you ask Him,” why bother asking? How does asking God anyway strengthen our relationship with Him?