

The Life and Letters of Paul

Romans 7

1. Paul now speaking to both Jews and gentiles on the weight of the law, Both Jewish Christians and many of the Gentile Christians were *familiar with the law*. Jews were taught the law of Moses from birth. Many of the Gentiles in the church at Rome had been God-fearers, Gentiles who were interested in Judaism and attended the synagogue regularly. (you know what you Know)

Romans 7:1/ Galatians 3:23-24- the law was necessary until Christ fulfilled it

2. Paul simply cites an illustration to make two basic points: Death can release a person from obligation to the law, and freedom from one relationship can allow a person to establish a new one.

Romans 7:2-3/ Galatians 3:25-The law points us to Christ

3. Prio to the death and resurrection of Christ the law was impossible to fulfill, but under Jesus we can produce what was once impossible. (good deeds or fruit)

Romans 7:4/ Romans 6:22- leads to holiness and results in eternal life

4. When we measured our lives up against the law, a life living out of the will of God would be agitated and would then rebel into sinful deeds, but the work of the cross releases us from this captivity by way of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 7:5-6/ Romans 2:29-Serving God with the Heart not the law/ 2 Corinthians 3:6-old law, new covenant

5. There is a point in the Life of a believers when a standard is presented (much like the Law) that a choice has to be made because of now having knowledge. Do I continue to live that way (the flesh will tell you you're not perfect, it not that bad) The law is only bad if we are not living right.

Romans 7:7-13/ Romans 5:13-it is sin when we know it's wrong

6. When we live a life not given over to Christ, we will continually battle with a sinful nature. Even in the sanctification process (drawing closer to God) we will be faced with what Paul says, “Doing what is right” , but we must keep striving not giving up, to many People simply give up.

Romans 7:14-20/ Colossians 3:8- Rid yourself of/ Philippians 3:12- press on

7. In the pursuit of doing what is right, our wrong is revealed in the areas we struggle with or have not given to God, we can see this as a bad thing or a good thing of what needs refined.

Romans 7:21/

8. Paul explains that not only giving our hearts to the Lord and not our minds can give sin a place to wage war.

Romans 7:22-23/ Proverbs 23:26-Give me your heart/ Matthew 22:37- love the Lord your God with all

9. When we get caught in a life pattern of “I can’t do this” felling defeated, Paul gives the Answer the same is for you, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 7:24-25/ Philippians 2:9-11- Name everything you battle with, he is above that.

