

The Law: Before and After Salvation 2022-02-27

Romans 7:13

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Law jurisdiction is over living not dead. Marriage analogy: Romans 7:1-6, 6:22

- Law must die before released to be united with Jesus.
 - Must be free from law as relates to justification before you can pursue righteousness and walk in newness of life.

Relationship with the law changes when you are saved: standard of sanctify reflects God's character.

- Like God, law is holy, righteous, good and designed for Christians' benefit. Romans 7:10, 12
 - restricts actions/attitudes that ultimately harm us....warning signs.
 - show what a blessed life is. Do this and live/blessed.
- It points to true life but can't enable/give that life, so condemnation/death result.
 - wrongly conclude law itself is sinful/evil/obsolete and ultimate problem.
- law is not the problem, our sin is. Law only exposes sin. Romans 7,8b-9,13a, 6:20, Philippians 3:4-6

Vs 9 shifts to 1st person. Before conversion, Paul thought he was pleasing God.

- proud of his obedience (blameless)...pride is the root of all sins.
 - Most people are like Paul before his conversion, think they are basically good.
- *alive apart from law*: little/no sense of guilt, fear of condemn, slavery; did what felt like; seemed like freedom and felt like being alive.
 - Thought he was alive and sin dead, but suddenly realized his sin was alive and he was dead.

Holy Spirit used 10th and came *to know* he was not right with God as he thought but under judgment.

- Coveting: it's the only one focuses entirely on inward sin heart/mind. Matthew. 5:21-30

10th commandment taught law/righteousness inward, and Paul realized never kept law perfectly...sin came alive

- He died: sin exposed, knew he was deceived and was condemned. Romans 7:8a, 11, 13, 5

sin (principle and power not just acts) uses God's holy commands to entice/tempt us in order to produce sin....revealing sin's utter sinfulness.

- sinful to break God's Law; doubly sinful to use God's Law to break Law.
 - The more holy, righteous instrument sin uses to achieve sin/condemn, the more its wretchedness is evident ...Sinful beyond measure,
- *Opportunity* used for military base army launches its campaigns.

- covet 1st before break any others, ALSO the way to break 1-9 without action
 - stop coveting to “head other sins off at the pass.”
- Prohibiting often makes sinful nature want do it. “I just told not do.”
- Uses law to bring hopelessness leading to sinful indulgence.
 - requires behaviors not/can’t desire, do perfectly, gives no help, offers no forgive/hope.....nothing but judgment.

Must be free from law as relates to justification before can pursue righteousness and walk in newness of life. Galatians 3:13, 21-26

- Holy Law reveals sin, humbles self-righteous, condemns sinner, reflects utter sinfulness of sin and leads us to flee to Jesus Christ for salvation.
 - Once united to Jesus, the law reflects God’s character/will for sanctification producing fruit for God, not in oldness of letter but in newness of Holy Spirit.