



A Walk Through Romans

Free From the Law – (Rom 7)

Vertical Life Church

Introduction

- We've learned that we have been set free from death
- We've learned that we have been set free from sin
- We have been freed from the dominion of sin
- Paul now turns to discussion about the Law

We are Dead to the Law (1-6)

- In this passage Paul is speaking to the Jews in Rome
- Analogy of marriage to demonstrate his point about being bound by the Law
- Should we keep the Law anyway (Mat 5:17-19)?
- Both are true (Mat 5 & Rom 7:4). Law is still in effect, but we are free from it through death (Mat 16:24-25)
- Free from the Law for a purpose – bearing fruit (4)
- We focus in the Spirit rather than the Law for sanctification (5-6)(Gal 5:1-4; Gal 3:1-3; Gal 5:16-18)

What Good is the Law to Me? (7-13)

- We study the Law & Prophets to better understand God (12-13)
- The Law informs us what sin is (7)
- I understand how much I sin through the Law (8)
- I lose my complacency about sin through the Law (9)
- Through the Law I learn that getting to God by my own efforts is useless (10-11)
- The Law's purpose was to expose sin and teach us of its high cost (12-13)

What Can I Do With This Knowledge (14-25)

- The Law is spiritual but I am flesh (v14)
- It is spiritual because it points me to God and to my need for help
- Jesus instructed that understanding its purpose makes me understand even further how much I lack (e.g. Sermon on Mount)
- A conflict within us ensues (15-24)
- Nevertheless we do not despair. We thank God all the more for Jesus (25)

How Does This Change Me?

- Stop striving against sin using fleshly means
- Draw close to God through the Holy Spirit
- Meditate on the Word
- Act on the Word (James 1:25)