

“Of Law and Sanctification”

Text: Romans 7:7-13

Scripture reading: Colossians 3:1-17

Part 1: I. The believer’s second marriage – vv. 1-6 (last week)

Part 2:

II. The believer’s law perspective – vv. 7-13

A) The law exposes sin – vs. 7 (Ex. 20:17; Ps. 51:4)

B) The law provokes sinfulness – vs. 8

Sproul: “We are not sinners because we sin, but we sin because we are sinners.”

C) The law proves the sinner’s death – vv. 9-11 (Acts 9:20)

D) The law proclaimed in perfection – vv. 12-13

Conclusion: The believer's relationship to, and understanding of God's law:

1) Grace doesn't _____, but enables us to _____.

2) God's commandments are as interested in _____ as they are in _____.

3) It is sin that caused _____, not _____.

"The doctrine of the law, indeed, humbles the soul for Christ, but it is the doctrine of the gospel that humbles the soul in Christ." -John Owen, theologian (1616-1683)