

The Law and Sin

Text: Romans 7:7-25

Context - In Romans 1:1-3:20 All humans are sinful before a holy God.
Romans 3:21-5:21 - God cleanses the sinner through Justification in Jesus.
Romans 6-8, Paul addresses Sanctification and our battle with ongoing sin.

The Law - The Mosaic Law, the body of commandments and regulations given by God to Israel through Moses, as recorded in the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament). This includes moral laws (e.g., the Ten Commandments), ceremonial laws, and civil laws.

When discerning the relationship between the law and sin...

I. _____ the good use of the law (vs. 7-12)

- A. Paul explains that the law is useful to help us know what sin is. The law helps us and is therefore “holy and righteous and good.”
- B. Galatians 3:24 (KJV) Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

II. _____ the inability of the law to keep you from sinning (vs. 13-20)

- A. While the law reveals our sin, it cannot keep us from sinning. But it is not that law that is bringing death to us but our sin.
- B. There is debate over whether this section is referring to an after conversion Christian who is struggling with sin or a non-converted Jew who is trying to keep the law. Paul’s continued use of “I” throughout the passage suggests that it is an after conversion Christian.

III. _____ full deliverance from sin through Jesus (vs. 21-25)

- A. While we are frustrated with ongoing sin, Christ alone is the only one who can deliver us from our wretched body of death.
- B. While the law fails to deliver us from sin, Paul will explain in further detail of how Christ empowers us over sin in Romans Chapter 8.