

A marble bust of a man with curly hair and a beard, wearing a draped garment, sits atop a fluted column. The background is a light blue, marbled texture.

ROMANS

The Gospel According to Paul

Our Response, pt. iii:
“A Radical Change of Allegiance”

Rom. 7:1-13

Romans (review)

- Justification by Faith alone

- *Shall we sin more so that grace may abound?

- No! Remember you died in baptism*

- *Shall we sin more bc we are no longer under Law but under grace?

- No! Remember you are a slave to God*

Rom. 7:1-13

- Vv 1-6 An illustration about the Law

“The Law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives”

(1) While alive, spouses are bound by the law of marriage

a) Death ends the contract.

Rom. 7:1-13

- Vv 1-6 What is the implication for Believers?

“⁶But now we have been released from the Law...”

(1) Since we died with Christ through faith and baptism, we are no longer bound by the Law

a) We have been freed to ‘marry’ another... Christ!

Rom. 7:1-13

- Vv 7-13 So, is the Law sin?

“On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law...”

(1) The Law defines/boundaries sin

a) Before a thing is declared out-of-bounds, it is just a thing

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“⁷On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law...”

(2) Forbidden things immediately become desirable.

a) Sin “obtains a foothold”, “seduced” and “produced every kind of evil desire”

**“ It was not the pears that my wretched soul
coveted... what I loved was the pleasure of
acting against the law in order that I, a
prisoner under rules, might have a
maimed counterfeit of freedom, by doing
what was forbidden”**

Augustine, Confessions

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What constitutes the Law?

The OT? The Pentateuch? The 10 commandments?

Ceremonial Law

“That which is designed to make us righteous before a Holy God” *(eg, sacrifices, offerings, Temple practices)*

NO! Righteousness in Christ alone. Rom. 3:20-22

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Communal Law

“That which identifies believers in the world amongst non-believers” *(eg, tattoos, diet, clothes, haircut)*

NO! Believers are identified by the Holy Spirit and the fruits of that Spirit! 2 Co. 3:5-6

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Moral Law

“That which expresses the heart of God in universal, timeless truths for all mankind in all places” (eg, *murder, adultery, stealing, substances*)

YES! These are intact and are even FURTHERED by Christ! Matt. chs 5-7; 19:3-10; John 8:4-7;

Implications

<i>Old Life/Pre-Conversion</i>	<i>New Life/Post-Conversion</i>
In the flesh	Filled with the Spirit
Bound to the Law	Free b/c of Grace
Slaves to Sin	Slaves to God
Fruit leading to Death	Fruit demonstrating life