

Mt. Calvary

Intro:

Christmas is about more than a manger

Problem:

Christmas is about your life

Rom 6:3-4, 6, 9 Know,
Rom 6:11 reckon (impute)
Rom 6:12-14 yield (present yourself)

heres the problem...Romans 7 comes after Romans 6

Main Idea:

The Christian life cannot be lived on Mt. Sinai
The Christian life cannot be lived on Mt. Zion
The Christian life can only be lived on Mt. Calvary

Implication:

1 Tim 1:15
The gospel is not a gift we unwrap only once
Christ came into the world not only to justify sinners
But to sanctify them as well

Application:

Rom 1:16-17

Every day you get to unwrap it again for it is the power of God for the Christian life
Merry Christmas

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/following-Christ.html>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/ryan-reeves/how-should-christians-use-gods-law/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/habitual-sin.html>

<http://www.barabbas.com/messages/falling-up/>

https://www.barabbas.com/wp-content/notes/falling_up_1_peter_1_1_2.pdf

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Text

The Christian life cannot be lived on Mt Sinai

Rom. 7:1 ¶ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?

Rom. 7:2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

Rom. 7:3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Rom. 7:4 ¶ Likewise, my brothers, you also have **died** to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may **bear fruit for God**.

Rom. 7:5 For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to **bear fruit for death**.

Rom. 7:6 But now we are **released from the law, having died to that which held us captive**, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

Rom. 7:7 ¶ **What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means!** Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Rom. 7:8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.

Rom. 7:9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.

Rom. 7:10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

Rom. 7:11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

Rom. 7:12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Rom. 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.**

1 cor 6:12; 10:23 (different motivation- marriage versus law)

Col 2:8-23 (do not submit again)

Gal 3:1-6, (sanctification is not through law)

Gal 3:10-14 (set free from the curse of the law)

Gal 4:21-5:6 (the christian life cannot be lived on mt Sinai)

Ex 19:9-25 (why was sinai so terrifying?)

Rom 3:19-24 (to shut everyone up -reveal sin-did not show you where you could be but where you are)

Rom 4:13-16 (bring wrath -Augustine confessions stealing a pear because it was wrong - he hated pears)

Gal 3:19-29 (point to Christ)

The Christian life cannot be lived on Mt Zion

Rom. 7:14 For we know that **the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin**.

Rom. 7:15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

Rom. 7:16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.

Rom. 7:17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Rom. 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Rom. 7:19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

Rom. 7:20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Rom. 7:21 ¶ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

Rom. 7:22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

Rom. 7:23 **but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.**

Heb 12:18-24 (we are not on Zion yet)

Rom 6:12-13 (the very fact of the command reveals it)

James 4:1-10 (the struggle is real (eschatological)— and so is the struggling christian)

gal 5:16-25 (the christian life is a struggle between two very different appetites)

The Christian life can only be lived on Mt Calvary

Rom. 7:24 **Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

Rom. 7:25 **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ** our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

1 Jn 1:5-10 (the Christian life is lived on Calvary - know-reckon (impute)-yield)

Heb 12:1-2 (don't look to the Law -lay aside your sin - keep looking to the author and perfecter of faith and run the race)

1 Tim 1:15 (came into the world to sanctify sinners)

Rom 1:16-17 (every day is Christmas - the gospel is not a gift we unwrap only once- every day you get to unwrap it again - for only it is the power of God for sanctification)