

# REMEMBERING WHAT WORKS IN YOU

## A STUDY ON THE POWER OF LAWS

*"I find then a law, that, when I would do good,  
evil is present with me."*

~ Romans 7:21

### 1. Introduction

- a. The most important thing you can learn after what Christ did is who you are in Christ
- b. You had a life, but it has been crucified. Now, a new motivation – 2 Cor 5:15
- c. The greatest lie ever told → you haven't truly lived except in sin – Gen 3:4-5
- d. Romans 6:23 – The wages of sin is death, not life (Rom 5:20-21)
- e. You were a sinner, but now you have a new position serving righteousness
- f. Leaving Romans 6 we should want to live right – Rom 6:11
- g. Romans 6 explains how to live, Romans 7 explains the power of laws
- h. Romans 7 explains the futility of the law to make us do, how do we perform?

### 2. Turning Back to the Law

- a. When people want to do good, they often turn to religion – what you do.
- b. God told Israel it would be there righteousness if they did - Deu 6:25, Lev 18:5
- c. The problem: the strength of sin is the law - 1 Cor 15:56
- d. The law has no more dominion over you as long as you live - Rom 7:1-4
- e. The law was against you. Now you are dead to it - Col 2:14, Eph 2:14, Gal 3:2-3
- f. The law of sin and death is that the law of God brought forth death in you – Rom 7:5

### 3. Sin Dwells in You

- a. The law of God is not sin, the law brings the knowledge of sin – Rom 3:20, Rom 7:7
- b. In case we think that the law itself is evil ... go back to Rom 6 - Gal 3:21-22
- c. Guilt is not the problem, we need the law to bring people to Christ – Gal 3:24
- d. Sin is what is evil. It's deception is that it is not there, it does not kill and destroy
- e. Sin was "dead" = not moving or noticeable; the law moves flesh and revives sin
- f. The law is holy, just, and good, the law is spiritual, it is you that is the problem.
- g. You are carnal, sold under sin – sin dwells in you – Rom 7:14-17
- h. Your sin nature is still present with you, and works in you to deceive and destroy.
- i. The law of your flesh is that in you dwelleth no good thing – Rom 7:18

### 4. Willpower is not Real Power

- a. "to will is present with me, but how to perform I find not" - Rom 7:18
- b. You do the things you would not proving that your will cannot change what you do
- c. "I delight in the law of God" - from Rom 6, but "I see another law in me" – Rom 7:23
- d. It is not just that you do sins, sin dwells in you, and you cannot wish it away.
- e. The law could not make flesh perform – walk by the law of the Spirit of life – Ro 8:2-3
- f. You will sin –if you rebuild the law you bring death– let Christ live in you – Gal 2:17-20