

ROMANS 26 – 7:7-13

The Weakness of the Law

1. 7:5-7

- a. The law gave sin the tool it needed to bring forth death – Rom 7:5
- b. We are dead through the law, making us dead to the law – Rom 7:6, Gal 2:19
- c. We no longer serve in oldness of the letter; we are free from it – Rom 7:6, Gal 5:1
- d. We need deliverance from the law. Is it sin because it resulted in death? Rom 6:23
- e. God forbid. The law was a schoolmaster, and we are now graduated - Gal 3:21-24
- f. The law is weak and beggarly to do what we need done - Gal 4:1-10

2. 7:7-11

- a. The law taught the knowledge of sin, Jesus taught the law – Mat 5:17-28
 - i. Lust comes from sinful man, Israel needed not to sin – Jam 1:14-15, 2:9-12
 - ii. The NT Spirit would help them overcome sin - 1 John 2:16-17, 2:25-29
- b. Paul knew lust by the law, but sin took the opportunity by the law to produce it
- c. *“without the law sin was dead”* it has no strength without the law – Rom 5:13
- d. *“alive without the law”* – in that he was not condemned – Gen 3:1-6
- e. *“sin revived, and I died”* – by operating in his flesh under the law – Rom 7:5
- f. *“commandment ordained unto life”* - Rom 10:5, Lev 18:, Luke 10:27-29
- g. *“I found to be unto death”* - it was a curse, not a help - Gal 3:10-13
- h. *“deceived me”* – Sin enjoys death, it loves to boast of its ability - Jer 17:9, Oba 1:3

3. 7:12

- a. The law is not sin, it is not evil, and it gives justice. It is a sure trap for sin.
- b. *“law is holy”* – pure, perfect, sacred, of God – Psa 19:7-10, 119:72, 127, 161-168
 - i. But now, your holiness is in Christ – 1 Cor 1:30, Rom 6:22, Eph 4:24
- c. *“and just”* – fair, righteous, never wrong, equitable
 - i. Justice is you dying for your sins, but now... Rom 3:21-22
- d. *“and good”* – not evil, wicked, sinful; contrary to what skeptics say about it
 - i. Grace is greater, but the law is also good and useful to learn about sin
 - ii. Grace does not teach a fear of the law, but freedom from its bondage
- e. The law is good if used lawfully; against unsound doctrine – 1 Tim 1:5-11

4. 7:13-14

- a. The law did not work death in you, sin worked death in you by the law.
- b. Sin does not appear that bad to most people: we need the law to show us this.
- c. If a food kills and it can be proven that the food is good, then the problem is us.
- d. The law is for our learning, but not for our dominion and service - Rom 15:4
- e. You no longer have the spirit of fear, you are delivered from the law – 2 Tim 1:7
- f. The law is good, but it is weak to give us power to serve God.

Uses for the Law

“Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.”
– Romans 7:12

“But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully”
– 1 Timothy 1:7

1. A guide to know God’s will in time past (but not now) – Rom 2:18
2. Knowledge of God and his truth (but we now know more) – Rom 2:20
3. For reproof, rebuke, and instruction in righteousness – 2 Tim 3:16
4. To show God’s holiness, justice, and goodness – Rom 7:12
5. To show God’s forbearance (when he showed mercy under it) – Rom 2:4
6. As a righteous standard of judgment by God – Rom 2:6, 2:13, 3:5-6
7. To prove God’s wrath against men to be righteous – Rom 4:15
8. To prove all guilty (including religious Israel) – Rom 3:19, Rom 11:32
9. For the knowledge of sin – Rom 3:21
10. For making the offence abundant and manifest to all – Rom 5:20
11. For its power to bind unto death (used against the old man) – Rom 7:1
12. To make sin move, revive, and work in us (to make the shoe fit) – Rom 7:8-11
13. Making sin look exceedingly sinful – Rom 7:13
14. To administer condemnation to the lawless and disobedient – 1 Tim 1:9
15. For exposing wrong doctrines that claim we are without sin – 1 Tim 1:10
16. To administer death – 2 Cor 3:7
17. For putting people under a curse – Gal 3:10-13
18. To govern children until they are given liberty – Gal 4:2
19. To tutor children to identify sin and righteousness – Gal 4:2
20. Bringing sinners to Christ – Gal 3:24
21. As a schoolmaster showing the need for justification by faith – Gal 3:24

The Law is Weak through the Flesh...

1. To save you
2. To justify you, to make you righteous
3. To sanctify you
4. To forgive you
5. To give you life
6. To give you the power to serve God
7. To bring forth righteous fruit

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