

Sunday, 10-08-2023

2023-2024 Fall Quarter
Unit II: Faith Triumphs, Law Fails

The Law Reveals Sin
Bible Background: Romans 7:1-25
Printed Text: Romans 7:1-12 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 7:1-15

Prayer: *Lord God, our Father, and Creator of the ends of the earth, thank You for sending Your Son to fulfill the Law and free us from the yoke that had us bound. Keep us forever mindful of Your will as we serve You in Spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

Unifying Lesson Principle:

1. Laws are created for the mutual benefit of society—to give clear guidelines for “right” and “wrong”. **Why do some people insist on breaking the law?** In the book of Romans, Paul wrestles with the reality that while God’s laws guides us to do right, sin uses that very same law to bring disobedience and death.
 - a. Our nature is carnal/sinful while the Law is holy, just, good, and spiritual (**Galatians 5:16-21**). Trying to adhere to the Law only strengthens the sin from within (**Hebrews 8:8-12**).
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Lesson Objectives:

1. Better comprehend Paul’s teaching concerning the role of God’s laws in guiding our lives in the right direction.
 2. Listen to the Spirit’s prompting of their consciences, convicting them of sin.
 3. Evaluate and renew their commitment to accepting God’s guidelines for doing right.
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Devotional Reading: Thursday: Outward Piety Earns God’s Wrath – Jeremiah 7:1-15; Psalm 78:55-66

- Can’t follow worship rituals while maintaining a sinful lifestyle. Attendance, communion, Sunday school, singing in the choir, etc. are empty church exercises if God isn’t getting the glory.
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Exposition and Application of the Scripture: Dead to the Law through Christ – Romans 7:1-12

A. Death Frees from the Law (vv. 1-3) – Genesis 2:24; Revelation 22:17-21

- At what age did I start my Christian journey? Christian education is important in learning/understanding the Law/Gospel. To live in the NT, must understand the OT. Jesus Christ died so that we are no longer under the Law, but under grace.

B. Believers Are Dead to the Law (vv. 4-6) – Sat: Romans 6:13-23; 2 Corinthians 3:1-6; Ephesians 2:14-22; 5:6-11

- Do I place more value in worldly pleasures than my walk with Jesus Christ? Have I died to self in its completeness? The union with Jesus Christ should be enhancing, growing, and producing fruit. There’s no salvation in the Law and it has no authority over the dead.

C. The Law Incites Sin (vv. 7-12) – Mark 10:17-27; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58; Romans 3:19-26

- How does God use the Law in a twofold manner? Can’t let rules I don’t understand become stumbling blocks in my Christian journey. The Law sets moral boundaries. Sin takes advantage of those who don’t know the Law/Gospel. Am I a better saint than I was a sinner? Covetousness leads to breaking other laws.