

Ivy Baptist Church
Wednesday Bible Study
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The Book of Romans Part 13 (Romans 7:1-12)

Summary of Romans 1-6

- Romans 1: The gospel of Jesus Christ
- Justification by faith introduced.
- Romans 2: No favoritism with God
- The Jews have no advantage with God!
- Romans 3: All are guilty before God
- No one has the right to boast in God because of obedience to the Law, because NO ONE is capable of obeying all of God's laws (sin).
- Romans 4: Justification by faith, an Old Testament concept
- Abraham and David were declared righteous with God, because of their FAITH, not because of their deeds.
- Romans 5: The benefits of being saved
- Peace with God, access to His grace, purpose in trials, etc.
- Romans 6: Dead to sin; alive in Christ
- Christians, through union with Christ, "die to sin" and become "slaves of God" reaping holiness as a benefit.

Today's Lesson: Romans 7:1-12

- The main thought of Romans 7:1-12 is that believers no longer live under the _____ of the law.
- Chapter 7 is a further elaboration on the "sin discussion" of Chapter 6, especially verse 14.
- To understand the significance of Chapter 7, we must understand the correlation between _____ and the _____.

Romans 7:1:

- Those to whom he was speaking were familiar with the law and the concept that the law had _____ over a man only as long as he is alive.

Romans 7:2-3:

- Paul uses the institution of marriage to illustrate the truth that was stated in verse 1.
- A married woman was bound by _____ to her husband while he was alive. However, if her husband should die, she was released from the _____ of marriage.

Roman 7:4-6:

- Application of the truth in verse 1, is now applied to the lives of those who are in Christ Jesus.
- A _____ has occurred.
- The _____ has died to the law through Christ Jesus, now we can "legally" belong to another (God) and bear fruit for Him.

Verse 5:

- When we were bound to our _____ (our pre-conversion days) we bore fruit for death
- The response of our sinful nature was to _____ against God

Verse 6:

- **HOWEVER**, by dying to that which was once in control, the believer is now released from the _____ and _____ to serve in a new way, in/of the Spirit. We are free from the oldness of the law or written code.

Romans 7:7-12:

Verse 7:

- Question: Is the law sinful?
- Certainly NOT
- The law is not _____ because through the law we came to understand what sin really is.
- Paul uses his own experience to illustrate this principle.
- He would never have known what _____ really was, apart from the law.
- Law _____ sin. Apart from law _____ exists but cannot be designated as “sin”.

Verse 8:

- Only after a rule is put in place do people want to do whatever it forbids.
- Apart from the law sin is _____ (dead).

Romans 7:9-11:

- Paul relates that when one came into _____ of the law, sin came forth because of that knowledge and it brought _____.
- He understood from experience the power of _____ to use the law for its own advantage.
- Paul pointed out that Satan’s ploy has been to convert an _____ for life (the law) in an _____ of death.

Roman 7:12:

- This verse is the definitive answer to the question raised in verse 7, “Is the law sinful?”
- NO, the law is _____; the commandment is holy, righteous, and good.
- The law of a _____ God must be consistent with His _____ nature.
- A _____ God decrees commandments that are _____.
- The law is good because it intends the very best for people.

Roman Road to Salvation (so far). How to lead someone to Christ by select verses in Romans:

- **Romans 1:16:** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, the Jew first and then the Greek.
- **Romans 3:23:** For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
- **Romans 5:8:** For God demonstrated His own love toward us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- **Romans 6:23:** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Apply: What did I learn in today’s lesson that I need to develop in my relationship with God?
