

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"Why The Law Is Good"
Romans 7:7-13
Study-19

God's Purpose Of The Law Is To Properly Identify The Root Cause Of Mankind's Failures. The Failure Is Not The Law But Sin!

Romans 7:7 – "What shall we say then? Is the Law sin?" – Paul has established that the law cannot save – **Romans 3-5**; The law can't sanctify – **Romans 6**; The law can no longer condemn a believer – **Romans 7:1-6**; Now, the law can convict both unbelievers and believers – **Romans 7:7-13**.

Romans 7:7-25 – the first person singular pronouns, "I," "me," and "my," no fewer than **46X**; Autobiographical. "**Romans 7 is Paul's autobiography which is the biography of every man.**"

Romans 6-8 – Sanctification

Thought Of Our Passage: "All The Blame For Sin And Death Falls On Our Sinful Nature, Not On God's Law Which Remains Good."

1. Verse 7 – Law Reveals Sin

2. Verse 8 – Law Provokes Sin

3. Verses 9-11 – Law Condemns Sin

4. Verses 12-13 – Law Reveals Sin's Sinfulness

1. Verse 7 – Law Reveals Sin:

Romans 7:7

NLT Romans 7:7 – "Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is evil? Of course not! The law is not sinful, but it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "Do not covet."

"What shall we say then?" – Context: Romans 7:1-6 – Spiritual Man Is Released From The Law: We have died to the law through Christ's body in order to belong to Christ: Romans 7:4.

The Law aroused our sinful passions so that we bore fruit for death: Romans 7:5.

We have been released from the law in order to serve God in newness through the Holy Spirit: Romans 7:6.

"Is the Law sin?" – A sensitive Jew, after reading Paul's argument, Romans 5:20; 6:14; 7:1-6. Is Paul placing the Law and sin in the same category? Is the Law sin? "Is the law sinful?" "Is the Law sin?" Paul's 3rd question.

1) Romans 6:1-2; 2) Romans 6:15; 3) Romans 7:7; 4) Romans 7:13.

"May it never be!" – "Certainly not! By no means! God forbid! On the contrary, It's actually the opposite!" Romans 7:12

The Purpose Of The Law Is To Reveal Sin: "I would not have come to know sin except through the Law;" – When Paul says "I," he speaks for "Himself," he speaks for "Adam," for "Israel," "All humanity."

"I would not have come to know sin except through the Law;" – Romans 3:20.

"to know sin" – the principle of sin in the heart, depravity. Speaks of a practical experiential conviction of sinfulness, Acts 9:1-18; 26:14.

"COVET" – "lust, any illicit desire, all lusting or irregular desire, evil desire was sin." The 10th Commandment, Exodus 20:17, deals with the motives of the heart.

Colossians 3:5 – "greed, which amounts to idolatry." Putting desires before God, thus lust becomes another god!

Philippians 3:4-6 – It was the 10th Commandment that slew Paul.

James 1:22-25

The purpose of the law is to reveal to men their sinfulness and inability, and their need of deliverance, which only God can bring!

2. Verse 8 – Law Provokes Sin:

Romans 7:8 – "But sin, taking opportunity" – Greek word used in "a military commercial contexts for the base of operations, for an expedition or a war"

The Law Provokes Sin: "through the commandment, produced in me" – Romans 7:5.

"coveting of every kind;" – "Sin launched an attack against man and viciously and deceptively used the commandment as a foothold for the advance."

It all started in Genesis 2-3; Adam and Eve were given a commandment, Proverbs 9:17.

"for apart from the Law sin is (was) dead." – Sin is and was dormant.

3. Verses 9-11 – Law Condemns Sin:

Romans 7:9 – "And I was once alive apart from the Law;" – Some say it was in Paul's youth, before his Bar Mitzvah, prior to becoming a "Son of the law."

Ignorance is no excuse under law, but it does give a sense of guiltlessness at the same time! Ignorance is bliss!

"but when the commandment came," – Romans 7:7.

"sin became alive," – "sin revived, sprang to life;" Romans 5:20; 1 Corinthians 15:56.

"and I died;" – I became conscience of my resistance to, and alienation from God. I was exposed as a sinner, goodness was rubbish!

Romans 7:10 – "and this commandment, which was to result in life," – If a person perfectly obeys the requirements of the Law they will live; have life! Romans 10:5; Leviticus 18:5; Deuteronomy 4:1; Galatians 3:21-22

The law promised life to those that fulfilled the law's requirements perfectly, James 2:10.

"proved to result in death for me;" – God does not grade on the curve. The breaking of the law results in the curse! Deuteronomy 11:26-28; 2 Corinthians 3:6

Paul interprets the curse of the Law as being God's condemnation and eternal death! Romans 5:15,18

Romans 7:11 – "for sin, taking an opportunity" – Greek word used in "a military commercial context for the base of operations, for an expedition or a war." "through the commandment,"

"deceived me" – The Aim of Sin is to Deceive. Sin promises blessings, joy that can't be delivered, 2 Corinthians 11:3.

"and through it killed me." – "to kill off."

4. Verses 12-13 – Law Reveals Sin’s Sinfulness:

Romans 7:12 – “Law is holy,” – William Barclay said “a sphere other than this world. The law is divine and has in it the very voice of God.” It is set apart by God for a specific purpose.

“righteous and good.” – It is that which is right and the absence of what is not right. Regardless of Human Abuse, God’s Divine Law Remains Good!
Psalm 19:7-11

Romans 7:13 – “Therefore” – The Commandments are holy righteous and good; it is man’s sinfulness that is the problem.

“did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be!”
– “If when I see the Law and I find myself wanting to break it, and I find myself stacking up sins that are going to lead me to judgment, am I to conclude that the law is sin?”

“it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good,” – The Law Is Exonerated, It’s Sin’s Fault!

Application:

1. The Purpose Of The Law Is To Reveal To Men Their Sinfulness And Inability, And Their Need Of Deliverance Which Only God Can Bring.
2. Human Nature Is Inherently Rebellious. Give Us A Law And We Will See It As A Challenge To Break It. Jesus Can Forgive Our Law-Breaking. He Gives Us The Holy Spirit Who Imparts A New Desire And Ability So That Our Greatest Pleasure Becomes Bringing Pleasure To God.
3. We Must First Be Slain By The Law Before We Can Be Saved By His Grace.
4. All The Blame For Sin And Death Falls On Our Sinful Nature, Not On God’s Law, Which Remains Good. We Need New Hearts, Not New Laws Or No Laws.