

The Righteousness of the Law Romans Chapter 7 – part 1

Theme Verses

[Rom 2:26] Therefore if the uncircumcision keep *the righteousness of the law*, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

[Rom 8:3-4] For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That *the righteousness of the law* might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Outline of Chapter 1, part 2

Vs 1, The Law has dominion over a man as long as he lives
a. What does it mean for something to have dominion?
b. Noah Webster Dictionary: Sovereign or supreme authority; the power of governing and controlling.

c. The law is the supreme authority over a person as long as they live

Vs 2 – 3, The dominion of the law reflected in marriage

- a. As long as a husband lives, the law recognizes him
- b. It takes death to free a person from the dominion of the law

Vs 4 – Spiritually dead to the law

- a. This idea goes back to the difference between being “Dead in Sin,” Eph. 2:1 verses “Dead to Sin,” Rom. 6:11.
- b. Dead to the law by “the body of Christ”
- c. Now that we are dead to the law, we can be married in the future
- d. Being in the body of Christ, we can now bring fruit unto God

Vs 5 – 6, Dead and Being Held by the Law

- a. Held by the law is compared to being “in the flesh”
- b. The motions of sin brought forth fruit unto death
- c. Now we are delivered from law
- d. We should serve in newness of the Spirit

Vs 7, Is the Law Sin?

- a. God Forbid! The law is holy, see vs 12
- b. The use of the law is how we identify sin
- c. An example is lust
- d. We learn that lust is sin when we read the law that says “Thou Shalt Not Covet”

Vs 8, Sin used the Commandments to bring ruin to me

- a. All manner of concupiscence in me
- b. Noah W: In a more general sense, the coveting of carnal things, or an irregular appetite for worldly good

Vs 9, How a Person Becomes Lost

- a. The person is alive
- b. Then they come to the point where they receive the knowledge of good and evil
- c. Just like Adam, when they receive this knowledge, they die
- d. Compare to: [Deu 1:39] Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

Vs 10, The commandment was ordained to life

- a. This gives us the original intent of God when He issued that first commandment to Adam
- b. The commandment that was intended to life, brought death

Vs 11, The Actions of Sin

- a. Sin deceived me
- b. Sin slew me using the commandment

Vs 12, Holiness of the Law and the Commandment

- a. The Law is Holy
- b. The Commandment is also Holy
- c. The Commandment is Just
- d. Likewise, the Commandment is Good.