

The Law and Sin
Romans 7
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Thesis: I want to show the concerns about Law and Sin.

Intro: 1. There are many ideas about the law and sin from chapter 7.

I. Believers and the Law

A. A Marriage Parallel

1. Law has dominion over those who live under it (v.1)
2. As illustrated by a woman who is married to a man (v.2-3)

B. They are dead to the law

1. So they can be married to Christ (v.4)
2. So they can serve in newness of the Spirit, far superior to serving in the oldness of the letter (v.5-6)

II. Sin, the Law, and the Mind

A. The Law – that which is Good

1. The Law is not sin, but rather makes known sin (v.7)
2. But sin takes occasion by the commandment to lead one to death (v.8-12)

B. Which is the problem, Law or Sin?

1. The problem is not law, but sin (v.13)
2. The Law is spiritual, but man is carnal and sold under sin (v.14)
3. Though one may desire good and hate evil, one is still enslaved by sin (v.15-23)
4. Deliverance comes only from God, through Jesus Christ (v.24-25)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. The problem must be realized.

1. The issue has always been sin.
2. The problem is man's obedience to one or the other.
 - a. God's law or sinful actions.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Only by obedience to God's Law and resistance to sin will man see Heaven.
2. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9