

Text: Romans 7

Subject: "The Commandment which bring life"

INTRODUCTION

⁷ What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

⁸ But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.

⁹ I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

¹⁰ And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.

¹¹ For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.

¹² Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

Romans 7:7-12

1. An inevitable question

Is the Law sin?

2. The obvious answer

"Certainly not!"

3. The problem

a) It is not the Law

b) It is Sin!

4. How sin works

a) The Law declares "You shall not covet"

b) Sin takes advantage of the Law

c) It makes the individual incline itself to covetousness'

i) It tempts

ii) It causes desire

iii) It encourages resentment and rebellion

5. The person may be “alive”

- a) The individual is free from enticement and temptation
- b) Sin causes the person to have wrong desires
- c) In time, the individual is badly affected by sin
- d) He has “died”

6. The nature of the Law

- a) It is good
- b) It is holy
- c) It is just
 - i) It teaches us to do the right thing
 - ii) It promises life when we obey

7. The power of sin

- a) It deceives the individual
- b) It overpowers him
- c) It results in spiritual death
- d) The problem is that many underestimate the power of sin
- e) Many believe that they are able to overcome sin easily
- f) Nobody is immune to the power of sin, not even the apostle Paul

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To understand the nature of sin
2. To be on guard against sin
3. To seek the grace and strength of God
4. To humbly pray

5. To keep growing in our spiritual life