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Romans 7:1-13

Freed from the Law

7 Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? ² For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to *her* husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of *her* husband. ³ So then if, while *her* husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. ⁴ Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. ⁵ For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. ⁶ But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

Sin's Advantage in the Law

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.

Law Cannot Save from Sin

¹³ Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

Okay here's my commentary

If you were born Jewish then you were taught laws of God. This included everything from the 10 Commandments of Moses all the way down to the dietary laws concerning food. Here the apostle Paul is not saying that the law was bad because it is holy and pure and good but humans are just too weak to keep it perfectly because of the power of sin in our fleshly natures. So the law was used by God to show us how sinful we really are. However, Christ stepped in time and space and he perfectly fulfilled the law down to the letter. So when Jesus Christ died on the cross and said; "***It is finished***" this means that the payment for all our sins was accepted and that included the punishment for breaking every single law of God.

So, when we hear the Gospel and believe in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit does an inner, spiritual work inside us. It is as if we are crucified with him on the cross, buried and raised from the dead with him spiritually. It's like the apostle Paul said that once a person is dead the law doesn't have any more control over them. By faith, Christians are in Christ Jesus and this means that we have died to the law but it doesn't mean that we're free to run wild living however we want to breaking the laws of God, that would be lawlessness and is condemned by Christ. Matthew 7:23 ...'***I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!***'

It's after accepting Jesus being born again by the Holy Spirit we serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. Paul says that we are now married not to the law but to Jesus Christ who is been raised from the dead. This is strong covenant talk. It means that we are now in a new relationship with God through Jesus Christ and that we are to produce fruit out of this union just like a marriage. The fruit is a transformed life living in righteousness by the power of the Holy Spirit in us and not by our own self-effort. We will see this unfold as we continue to study the book of Romans.

What's the bottom line?

- 1) The law of God shows us that we are sinners.
- 2) Under the Old Covenant the Hebrew nation lived under the laws of God.
- 3) Nobody could keep the laws of God perfectly. As Paul said it produced in him all kinds of desires for sin and then when he broke the laws it produced death.
- 4) Jesus Christ stepped into time and space and perfectly fulfilled the laws of God and then became our substitute by his own death to bring his righteousness to each of us that believe not as a reward for our works but as a gift, Jesus died for our sins and he is our SALVATION!
- 5) Now as Christians, we don't serve God by trying to keep the letter of the law but yielding to the Holy Spirit Who will never lead us to break the moral laws of God.
- 6) This is like a marriage, it's a covenant that we have with God by faith in Jesus Christ.
- 7) Thank God that Jesus is our righteousness and by the Holy Spirit we can truly live in freedom from condemnation and righteous living that glorifies God but not by the outward observance of the law but by the inner strength of his Holy Spirit living inside us.

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