

Lesson - Romans 7:7-13 (NIV based)

THEME - Place of the Law in Sanctification

Q: What is the place of the Law in a believer's life and one's efforts to achieve sanctification? Is it O.K. for believers to pretty much ignore the O.T. Law?

v.7 the Law is not sin - makes us aware of sin

vv.8-9 sin & sinful desires are aroused by knowledge of the Law, otherwise sin is dead. We cannot achieve sanctification through the Law

v.11 we become dead under the Law - we cannot fulfill the perfect requirements of the Law

v.12 yet the Law is holy

Q: Does the Law cause death? A: no

v.13 the Law is not death - it brought to life sin which produces death, it makes sin become utterly sinful; the problem is not the Law but rather our sin

BIG IDEA: We should be careful not to develop an attitude of moral indifference to divine Law - nor legalism. We should uphold the Law - Rom. 3:31.

Assignment: Read the O.T. Law in Exodus 20-23 and Lev. 18-20 and let them convict you. We should delight in the Law - Rom 6:22. By GRACE, the deserved punishments have been laid aside. Look for the general principles behind the laws and try to make a modern day application in only your own life. Let them convict you and your habits, behavior.

Example: Exo. 20:8-11; 35:1-2 Sabbath - death if work on it;
Exo. 21:28-30 a bull that gores - dog

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