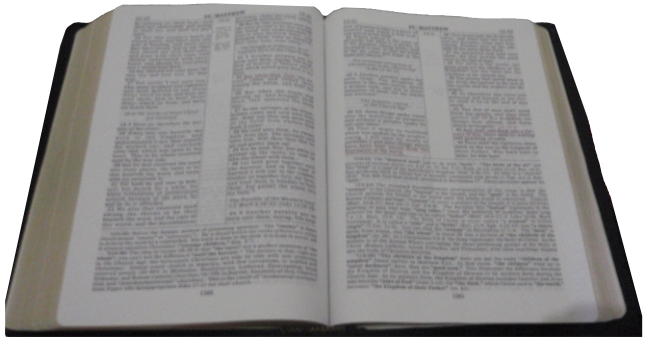
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Romans
7

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Romans 7- Believer's Position in Christ

7:1-6- Paul uses an analogy of marriage in order to compare Law versus Grace and the two natures of a believer.

- These verses show what actually happens when a person gets saved.

- Characters of the analogy

  - Husband- body, old man of flesh

  - Wife- believing soul

7:1- Brethren- believers (not primarily concerning marriage, divorce, remarriage)

- Before we are saved, our soul (wife) is married to your body of flesh (husband)

- As such we are under the curse of the Law since it has dominion and rule over us.

7:2- General OT Law of marriage described.

- The woman could not be loosed until the death of the husband.

- Practically, this shows us that salvation can only be by grace or works, not by both.

7:3- To mix salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ with any form of good works is spiritual adultery and perverts the one and only true gospel.

- Rom. 11:6

- To be dead with Christ means we are no longer spiritually connected to our dying flesh.

- Believers are not spiritually connected to both the old man

- and the new man

- 1Cor. 15:50

7:4- brethren- believers- correspond with the wife in the words “ye also”

- The Law itself didn’t die, it remains intact; but the beleiver’s relationship is dead to the law by the body of Christ

- Rom. 6:5

- The Law no longer has jurisdiction over the believer because Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law’s just demands of us on our behalf at the cross.

- Mt. 5:17

- Believers are dead to the Law by being crucified with Jesus Christ.

- Gal. 2:20

- When you receive Jesus Christ by faith alone, you undergo a spiritual circumcision- a spiritual baptism

- The Holy Spirit enters your body and cuts your dying flesh away from your living and eternal soul.

- Col. 2:11-12

- Our spiritually circumcised soul is then free to be married to Jesus Christ and become a part of His body.

- When this happens, God counts you as dead with Christ on the cross.

- Rom. 6:3-4a

- At salvation, our believing soul- wife- is saved and is no longer bound to our body of flesh- husband

- Eph. 5:30

- 1Cor. 6:15-17

- Therefore, believers have a new nature and are partakers of God's divine nature

- 2Pet. 1:3-4

- Our new nature then wants, desires, and longs to bring forth fruit unto God.

- To obey an serve God while we are yet in these dying and decaying bodies of flesh.

- Gal. 5:22-23a

- The believers job is to make our flesh a servant of God, and not allow the flesh to remain or become the boss or master of our lives.

- 1Cor. 9:25-27

- Eph. 2:10

7:5- What life did we have under the law when we were spiritually dead in the flesh?

- Sin worked out in our bodies only the fruit that brought forth death.

- Gal. 5:19-21a

- Pr. 14:12

- Who will deliver us?

7:25- Thank God, Jesus Christ will deliver all believers.

- Ps. 18:2

- Ps. 40:17

- Ps. 70:5

- Ps. 144:2

- Through death or at the Rapture

- Rom. 8:22-23

- Until then, the battle against the flesh goes on and on.

- My will- my mind- wants to serve God while the flesh wants to serve the law of sin- the old sin nature.

- Gal. 5:17

- This is why the new nature by istself does not automatically conquer the flesh.

- To get victory over the flesh we must surrender to the Holy Spirit, pray and stay on a continual diet of the Word of God.

- This is why church attendance, Bible preaching and teaching, personal Bible study, praying, witnessing,etc. are vital to gaining victory over our sinful flesh.

7:24- The cry of every Christian for deliverance from this old fleshly body of death.

- What a miserable, enduring marathon it is to live in these bodies of sinful flesh.

- All believers were spiritually circumcised upon getting saved.

- But we are still housed presently- temporarily- in this body of death- a jail of rotting flesh.

- Right now believers are spiritually seated with Jesus Christ in heaven while we are physically in our bodies here on earth.

- Right now Jesus Christ is physically seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, while He is spiritually with us in our bodies here on earth.

- Eph. 2:5-6

- Heb. 10:12

- The new man wants out really BAD, Spiritually, our desire should be to depart and be with Jesus, in his timing.

- Ph. 1:23-24

- Believers know being present with the Lord is our true home.

- 2Cor. 5:6-10

7:6- Answers 2 questions

1- How should we now serve God?

2- What life can we enjoy now that we are free from the curse of the Law?

- 1st we need to realize there has been a spiritual change in the believer.

- The newness of spirit is the NT gospel of grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

- The oldness of the letter is the OT Masaic Law.

- Our ministry is to be spiritual, not under the Law

- 2Cor. 3

- Believers are truly free and full of liberty to serve God.

- 2Cor. 3:17

- The Holy Spirit came to indwell us and believers now have power to yield our members as instruments of righteousness unto God and unto holiness.

- Rom. 6:13, 19

- Spiritual service is not have to but rather get to

- Its's not how little can I get by with, but willingly seeking and following God's will without reservations or conditions.

- Col. 3:23

7:7,12- Purpose of the Law- to EXPOSE sin- a righteous purpose.

- Rom. 3:20

- The Law of God is not wrong or sinful, God's Law is perfect.

- Ps. 19:7-8

7:12,14- God's Law is holy, just, good, and spiritual.

- We do not know we are sinners except by God's Law.

- Or by our conscience prior to the Law.

- By God's laws we are able to see how short we fall of God's requirements, thus showins us tht we are sinners and in need of a Saviour and pointing us to Jesus Christ.

- The Law does not cause us to lust, but shows us that coveting is wrong.

7:8- Sin described as that lustful longing in the heart for evil and sensual things.

- Sin brings about a longing for all manner of evil, both small and great.

- The guilt associated with the sin of coveting intensifies the power of all fleshly lusts- concupiscence

- Therefore the spiral of greater and greater sins is needed to appease the flesh.

-The words all manner also means we discover everything about us is sinful.

- Jam. 2:10-11

- However, sin is not imputed by God when there is no Law.

- Rom. 5:13

- The problem comes about when tempation meets up with the drive of the old sinful nature that is within.

- Jam. 1:13-16

- The old nature is there to disrupt and corrupt any thing you try to do that is right.

- Victory in doing right comes through the power of the Holy Spirit as we yield to Him.

- Everything we do that's right it's God doing it through us.

- He gets the glory not us.

7:22- The new man's delight is God's Law

- Ps. 119:16, 24, 35,47, 70, 77, 174

- A believer's new nature delights in and loves God's Law.

7:23- Two spiritual laws actively operate in our old sinful Adamic nature.

1- It is the tendency of the flesh toward sin "the law of sin which is in my members" that results in death.

- Rom. 8:2- law of sin and death

2- It is the overwhelming desire- and the war in the mind- for the flesh to sin

7:22-23- These two verses show both sides of the spiritual battle in a Christian.

- Jam. 4:1

- Mt. 26:41b

- The problem is not with the believer's will, it is the fleshly desires and the passions of the believers bodies that dominate our lives if we do not yield to and walk in the Spirit of God.

- It takes spiritual discipline to walk with God, and few are willing to pay the price.

- Gal. 5:16

- For most Christians, their heart is just not into faithfully serving God.

- Mt. 15:8-9

7:20- That sin that dwelleth in me

- The real culprit is our yielding to the old sin nature

- It's not the new man in you but sin that still dwells in the members of our fleshly carnal bodies.

- Which is the root of all sin in the believers life.

7:21- Spiritual laws of men's nature

- The law of sin versus the law of our mind.

- We established earlier that believers have a will- or a mind- to do right but this runs counter to the law of sin, which is over the members of our fleshly body.

- This verse clearly states **"evil is present within me"** which proves believers have two natures.

- The old nature **will not** be completely eradicated until we exit our bodies either at the Rapture or through physical death.

- Example- The first sin was not when Adam and Eve partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

- But that was the first sin imputed to man by God because it broke the direct command of God- Law.

- Prior to partaking of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, in Gen. 3 Eve had already misquoted scripture.

- Gen. 3:2- Left out freely

- Gen. 3:3- Added neither shall ye touch it

- As well as having pride and an ungodly ambition to be wise like God.

7:9-11- God's Law can only produce one result in the sinner DEATH

- All people are born with a sinful nature

- Ps. 51:5

- And born speaking lies

- Ps. 58:3

- But we are not held accountable by God until there is knowledge of good and evil.

- At that point, before God, we become spiritually dead in trespasses and sins.

- Eph. 2:1

- 1Jh. 3:4

- We are born in sin but are accounted innocent before God until such time that God's Law shows us that we are sinners against God.

- At that time God imputes sin against us.

- Having sinned agianst the commandment- thou shalt not covet in **7:7**

- At this point sin is revived - awakened- and God imputes sin.

- Resulting in eventual and certain physical death.

- When believers sin, we do not die spiritually

- 1Cor. 11:32

- Pr. 23:13

- Without faith in Jesus Christ, we are all under the curse of the Law.

- Gal. 3:10-14

- There is nothing wrong with God's Law, it is sinners who have a problem with sinning.

7:10- Once sin has been imputed to us by God, along with its penalty of death,

- The purpose of the Law changes from originally being **ordained to life** to being **ordained unto death.**

- Sin is a great deciever and is a Liar, causing you to believe the following lies.

1- That you can sin without any accountability, punishment or judgment.

- Mt. 7:11

- Ps. 39:5- Vanity

- Jud. 11:3- Vain

- Isa. 64:6- Unrighteous

- Ps. 26:5- Wicked

- No wonder God desires to deal with us in our new nature.

- There is not one good thing about it, never has been and never will be.

- God recognizes believers as saints- spiritually, Christians, justified, and righteous etc.

- But this doesn't change God's assessment of our fleshy old man one bit.

- Jesus's shed blood and sacrifice at Calvary is truly what impresses God, not our flesh.

- When we as believers walk in the Spirit of God, we become non-conformists with the world and its ways and we then are hated because we rejest all of the world's gods.

- As believers in this life, we must use the members of our bodies to accomplish the spiritual work of God.

- The war between our bodies carnal and fleshly desires with our new spiritual man is non stop.

7:19- Same as 7:15

- The believers struggle to do right with weak flesh.

- **In a saved manl,** the Holy Spirit has cut the sinful body of flesh away from his eternal soul.

- He is spiritually circumcised, that new spirit wants to do right.

- Col. 2:11-14

- ILL- plastic ice tray- after water run over it.- no longer conected.

- Therefore, when we as Christians sin, it is the members of our bodies and our old nature connected with them that sins and should be given credit for it.

- Similarly- When we as Christians do right, it is not the body that does right nor should be given credit for doing right.

- All the flesh wants is to sin.

- It's the new man in Chirst which is controlled by the spirit of God that does right and God should be given credit when we do right.

- The new man is our eternal soul saved by the Lord Jesus Christ that has a resurrected spirit living in it.

- The real "me" lives Jesus Christ spiritually, and our new nature cannot and does not sin.

- 1Jh. 3:9- for his seed

- 1Jh. 5:18- begotten of God

- 1Pet. 1:23

7:18- God's view of man's flesh

- Rom. 5:6-8- Ungodly

- **Rom. 7;21**- Evil

2- That your actions won't hurt anybody else and that you can stop anytime you want.

3- That a loving God will overlook your sin and won't remember it.

4- That sin will truly satisfy your greatest desires.

- Man's sin causes death - **7:11-** it slew me- not the Law.

- God's law brings with it the righteious and just authority to put the sinner to death.

- The Law shuts the door on mankind's hope for eternal life.

- Eternal life is only available by receiving forgivenes of our sins and eternal life through believing on Jesus.

7:12- Covered above with 7:7

- God's law is without flaw of any kind; it is good and perfect in every way.

- Ps. 19:7-10

- It is us who could not fulfill its requirements, which in turn leads us to the necessity of salvation only through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

- Gal. 3:24

7:13- Is something that is good - the Law- the source of our death?

- God forbid-- That would be ridiculous to believe that.

- Sin was present before the, God's Law was enacted.

- The Law causes each person to become aware or our sinfulness.

- The Law does not cause death, but reveals to each sinner that we all deserve death.

- Sinners breaking God's Law causes death.

7:14- God's Law is spiritual, but we sinners in our old nature are carnal.

- All believers have TWO NATURES a new spiritual godly nature AND I the old fleshly carnal Adamic nature.

- Col. 3:5-10

- As believers, how we live today and our rewards at the judgment seat of Christ are dictated by which nature we yield to.

7:15-20- Doctrine of Two Natures

- paul describing his own struggle with sin.

- CONTEXT- Notice he was dealing with a PRESENT struggle.

- AS A CHRISTIAN, while he was writing this book of Romans.

- The past tense is not used a single time in the passage.

- Those who say Paul was lost at this time are 100% wrong.

- Paul was saved in about 35 AD in Acts 9 which is approx. 25 years before he wrote the book of Romans in 60 AD.

- This passage is where EVERY BELIEVER lives between the time he gets saved and when he dies or is taken up in the Rapture.

- It's a continual struggle- 24/7

7:15- Paul's struggled with doing right...and like us sometimes he failed.

- Example- When we want to grow spiritually, increase your fatihfulness, pray, read bible, or go witnessing, any excuse not to do it will easily disuade us.

- But when opportunities for sin come along, our old nature easily wins out.

- Just like us- Paul struggled with sin

- But Paul was an example to us on how to live the Chirstian life.

- 1Cor. 11:1

- Ph. 3:17 - Can we say that about ourselves?

7:16- Paul's inabiblity to keep the holy Law of God proved that God's Law was good.

- This fact was already established in **7;7, 12**

- the very fact that we are disobedient proves we know God's Law is right.

7:17- Sin still dwells in the members of the physical fleshly body of the believer.

7:17- Dwelleth- present tense

- We are dealing with sin in a person who is saved.

- **In a lost man**, it is the man himself who sins since his eternal soul is still united with his sinful body of flesh.

- He is spiritually **uncircumcised.**

- Therefore his spirit that is still connected with his body still wants to sin.