

Sermon Questions from Pastor John Fernandez. Romans 7:1-13

1. Read Romans 7:1-6. NOTE: the purpose of this section is to reveal a wonderful truth that will enable a Christian to walk in newness of life. Read verses 4 and 6 and note what they say at the end of each verse.
2. What is the point he is making in verse 1?
3. How does he illustrate this in verses 2-3?
4. How does Paul apply this to the Christian in verse 4? How was the Christian made to die to the law? What did Jesus do for them to remove the Law's penalties (curse) in Galatians 3:13? What does Romans 8:1 say about this?
5. NOTE: to die to the law meant to die to its penalties and no longer be under its liabilities. We know that we are still to obey God's law because all the 10 commandments, except for the Sabbath rest, are carried over into the New Testament for us to follow.
6. Who does verse 7:4 say Christians were joined to? Note: the analogy of being previously married to the law and subject to its penalties and rule is carried forward to picture the believer now married to Christ. What does this tell us about the Christian's new motivation for living godly?
7. What do the following verses tell us about the Christian's motivation for living for God?
 - a. 2 Corinthians 5:9
 - b. 2 Corinthians 5:14
 - c. Romans 12:1-2
 - d. John 14:21-23
8. Would it make any difference if a Christian was motivated to obey God due to God's law instead of Christ's love? Have you experienced the difference between the two? Share.
9. What does 7:6 say is the reason we have been released from the law (that is, its penalties)?
10. Read Romans 7:7-13. What does v. 7 and 13 indicate was a wrong view some had regarding God's law? NOTE: in the context (see 7:5), this wrong view was due to thinking it was God's law that caused them sin and bear not fruit to God, but instead death (separation from God). In other words, they were miserable because God had laid on them laws they could do and this caused them sorrow. The law therefore was evil and needed to be removed. Do we see this attitude towards God's law today?
11. What does 7:7 tell us about the law to show it is not evil? What was a reason God gave the law?
12. What did Paul think of himself before he understood God's law? What did the law show him about himself in 7:7-12? What did he learn about himself and God's law?
13. In 7:13, what does God want to show people about their sin through His law? What understanding does this imply they lack?
14. What do the following verses tell us about what God's word will do?
 - a. Hebrews 4:12-13
 - b. James 1:23-25
15. What has God shown you through Romans 7:1-13? What view of yourself do you need to change? What is your motivation for living for God? Talk to God about this.