

# **The Gospel of God**

*Studies in the Epistle of Paul  
to the Romans*

## **The Death of Christ and the Law**

**Romans 7  
Lesson 9**

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# **What is the Gospel?**

**“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”  
Hosea 4:6**

# The Gospel in Romans

## ▶ The fundamentals:

- Concerning Jesus Christ (1:1-4)
- The righteousness of God revealed (1:17)
- “The just shall live by faith.” (1:17)

# The Gospel in Romans

- ▶ **The wrath of God revealed from heaven . . .**  
**Romans 1:18-3:20**
  - **Universal inexcusable guilt**
  - **Even the moralist – even those with the Law**
  - **Whole world accountable to God (3:19)**

# The Gospel in Romans

- ▶ **Justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (3:21-4:24)**
  - God's righteousness by grace
  - Through the death of Jesus Christ
  - By faith and not the Law
  - This is the "old time religion" – Abraham, David

# The Gospel in Romans

- ▶ **Sanctification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (5:1-8:17)**
  - God's righteousness by grace
  - Through the death of Jesus Christ
  - By faith and not the Law

# Four Lessons on Sanctification

## ▶ Romans 5 – Transition chapter

- We have been justified and have peace with God (5:1)
- We stand in this grace (5:2)
- We rejoice in hope of glory of God
- We rejoice in sufferings
- We rejoice in God through Jesus Christ
- We are saved by his life
- A lesson from history
  - Adam – sin, condemnation
  - Christ – grace, life
- Christ is the basis for justification and sanctification

# Four Lessons on Sanctification

- ▶ **Romans 6 – union with Christ (6:5)**
  - A lesson from baptism – united in His death and resurrection
  - Our behavior is based upon this reality – 6:12-14
  - The free gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23)



# Four Lessons on Sanctification

## ▶ Romans 7

- H. A. Ironside: “(Paul) raises and answers the question, “What is the rule of life for the yielded believer?” The Jew would naturally say, “The law given at Sinai.” The apostle’s answer is, “Christ risen!”
- Righteousness reigns by grace and not the Law of Moses.

## ▶ Romans 8:1-17 – the law of the Spirit of life

# **The Death of Christ and the Law**

## **Romans 7**

- ▶ **Free from the Law (7:1-6)**
- ▶ **The Law is holy, righteous and good (7:7-12)**
- ▶ **Deliverance from this body of death (7:13-25)**

# What is the issue?

- ▶ **Justification has been established – by grace through faith – peace with God**
- ▶ **We remain under the curse.**
- ▶ **How can we live righteously?**
- ▶ **Answer: our union with Christ**
- ▶ **How does that lead to righteous living?**
  - **The answer of the day – obey the Law of Moses**
  - **Paul's answer: Grace, not the Law (Romans 6:14)**

# Free from the Law (7:1-6)

- ▶ **The law of marriage**
- ▶ **The death of Christ and the Law**
  - Bear fruit for God
- ▶ **Living in the flesh**
  - Sin aroused by the Law bears fruit for death
- ▶ **The new way of the Spirit**
  - Released from the Law

# **The Law is holy, righteous and good**

## **Romans 7:7-12**

- ▶ **A short defense of the Law**
- ▶ **The value of the Law**
- ▶ **The problem is not with the Law but with sin**
- ▶ **The Law is holy, righteous, good**

# Can the Law be the standard for Christian conduct?

## ▶ The Law of Moses:

- Commandment
- Penalty
- Reward

## ▶ Christ is no longer under the Law

- He died – paid the penalty
- He rose – transaction completed

## ▶ The standard of conduct is the life of Christ

- Apart from the Law (Romans 3:21)

# **Deliverance from this body of death**

## **Romans 7:13-25**

- ▶ **The Christian dilemma**
- ▶ **The believer's mind – (7:23)**
  - He hates sin (7:15)
  - He does not want to sin (7:20)
  - He delights in the law of God (7:23)
- ▶ **The believer's flesh**
  - Sin dwells within (7:17)
  - Sin dwells within (7:20)
  - Sin dwells in my members (7:23)

# **The body of death**

- ▶ **Of the flesh, sold under sin (7:14)**
- ▶ **No ability to do right (7:18)**
- ▶ **Captive to the Law of sin (7:23)**
- ▶ **A fierce conflict – mind v. flesh**
  - Galatians 5:17-18
  - James 4:1
  - 1 Peter 2:11



# Who will deliver me from this body of death?

## ▶ Not the Law

- It cannot but encourage indwelling sin
- It cannot but condemn us for these evil desires

## ▶ Jesus Christ our Lord

- Our union with Him
- His grace to deliver us from sin

# Why does the Lord permit this conflict in us?

- ▶ **Justifies us completely**
- ▶ **Gives us a new heart (mind) – Ezek. 36:26-27**
- ▶ **Ephesians 3:10 – reveal wisdom of God**
- ▶ **2 Corinthians 4:7-10 – reveal power of God**
- ▶ **2 Corinthians 12:9-10 – reveal God's grace**
- ▶ **Romans 8:1-17 – reveal ministry of the Spirit**

# Sanctification

- ▶ **The righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith: the just shall live by faith**
- ▶ **Reconciled by His death (5:10)**
- ▶ **Saved by His life (5:10)**
- ▶ **Administered by the Holy Spirit (8:2)**
- ▶ **Saved in hope (8:23-24)**

## **Galatians 2:20**

**I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.**