

The Christian and the Law

Rom.7:7-13

Introduction

We have considered:

1. Our natural sinfulness (Rom.1:18-3:20)
 2. That the OT and the NT Christians are saved by grace and through faith in the Messiah (the Lord Jesus (Rom.3:21-4:25)
- And recently we have begun considering
3. The process of Christian sanctification (being set apart by God, for God—a life of holiness) (Rom.5:1-8:39)

1. Seeking to deal with a difficult text: Rom.7:9

1. The issue: Who is Paul talking about in 7:9?

1. Paul's personal experience
2. Adam before the fall
3. The Israelites before the law was given
4. Paul and all of humanity in our natural state

2. A reasonable solution

1. Note that Paul switches to the 1st person singular in this section

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2. The frequent use of the 1st person singular
3. This would be the most natural way in which to read the whole passage from (7:7-7:25)

2. Why would Paul be sharing this information if it were not applicable to all of humanity

2. The nature of the law

1. The law makes us conscious of sin (Rom.3:20)
2. Because of the scope of the law, the number of sins we commit, continually increases (Rom.5:20; Matt.5:20-22,27-28)
3. Our sinful passions are aroused, or, stirred to do increased evil, by the law (7:5)
4. By nature we are married (under/bound) to the law (7:6)
5. The knowledge of the law; and failure to comply with the law; ever increases our guilt
6. The consequence of greater guilt is; spiritual death and greater judgment (Rom.4:15)

3. Paul's response (Rom.7:7; Ex.20:17; Deut.5:21: The 10th Commandment)

1. The knowledge of sin comes through the law (7:7)

1. Is the law sinful?

2. Why is the law good? (7:7)