

Romans #092

“I’m dying to get divorced”

Romans 7:1-3

INGREDIENTS OF A GOOD CONGREGATION:

- A. A good congregation can identify its right pastor and then remain under his authority so the people in the church don’t hop from church to church.
- B. A good congregation submits to the pastor’s authority in teaching and church policy.
- C. A good congregation has consistent positive attitude toward biblical truth.
- D. A good congregation has stability, so it avoids distractions to public assembly and to the daily processing of truth.
- E. A good congregation has objectivity, poise and good academic discipline under the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- F. A good congregation is thoughtful of others and recognizes the privacy of others, so it avoids mental attitude sins and verbal sins which intrude on the privacy of others.
- G. A good congregation follows the pastor in his spiritual advance, staying hot on his heels.
- H. Through spiritual growth and progress, they come to be blessed of God in time and are relaxed about their blessings because they are occupied with Jesus Christ, share God’s happiness and enjoy their capacity for life, so they rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep and they are never jealous of the prosperity of others.
- I. A good congregation means a highly decorated pastor and congregation in eternity, who glorify our Lord Jesus Christ forever.

But God doesn’t want puppets, so He gave Adam a free-will choice: eat from the tree, sin and die or don’t eat and live.

From his creation, Adam had free-will and was capable of disobedience and the command which instructed him to abstain from the fruit actually caused him to eat it. *The Law is good but it can’t save the sinner and it reveals every opportunity for disobedience.*

As long as we value human viewpoint with regard to the inner conflict after salvation, we harbor irrational arrogant notions about our own self-importance.

The key to the illustration in Romans 7:2-4 is the woman representing the believer, who has died to her 1st husband through divorce.

If a woman is not willing to submit to the authority of a man, she should not marry him.

A woman has a greater influence under authority than when she exercises authority in marriage.

No woman’s beauty is complete until she has accepted the authority of the man she loves.

The 10 commandments form the heritage of freedom for the Jewish nation.

The 2nd part of the Mosaic law; Codex #2 is the ordinances, the spiritual or the theological code; the spiritual heritage of Israel recognizing that the nation as well as the race were born from regeneration.

Jesus Christ kept the law perfectly during His incarnation as a part of His impeccability and a part of His patriotism and He condemned the legalistic distortions of the law and the Pharisees who sponsored them.