

Romans #094 "Thanks be to God for the Law" Romans 7:5-7

Spirituality in the Church Age is not related to morality and that doesn't mean that spirituality is immoral but it means we don't become spiritual or grow up spiritually by following a moral code.

The Law itself isn't sin but it reveals and produces sin because whenever you tell someone not to do something that becomes the first thing they want to do.

Carnality is sinning without acknowledgement or recovery.

It's not the imputation of personal sins to the cross that is in view in retroactive positional truth, it's the rejection of good and evil, the other two trends of the sin nature.

When good and evil are rejected as the other two trends, this is rejection of the 1sthusband followed by separation from the 1sthusband, followed by complete divorce of him.

If we continue to function in human good and evil, then we are unfaithful to the 2ndhusband because the only children in the 2ndmarriage are the filling of the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit and persistent processing of the Word of God leading to spiritual maturity.

Spiritual death is a judgement on the human race at the point of birth; it's being born into the devil's kingdom as citizens.

We are born spiritually dead and related to the devil's kingdom and we continue that way until we believe in Jesus Christ at which point this curse is broken.

This means that when grace found us, we belonged to Satan's kingdom because we were born with spiritual death.

The result of spiritual death was not only the sovereign rule of the sin nature over life but also the function of its trends.

In our passage, the sin nature's trend toward sin is emphasized because this trend was solved at the cross.

This release pictures the baptism by the

Holy Spirit at salvation with its result; the release from the 1sthusband and release from the 1stmarriage counsellor.

When you divorced the 1sthusband by believing in Jesus Christ, you left the Law behind.

It's the will and policy of the 2ndhusband, the Lord Jesus Christ, that the wife, the believer, break through the maturity barrier and receive tremendous blessings from the justice of God that glorify Him.

When we understand this principle, we have God's viewpoint and we know that if God doesn't promote us we are not promoted and if God doesn't prosper us we are not prospered.

God the Holy Spirit will give us the necessary information to make a positive decision when it should be positive and a negative decision when it should be negative, if we have taken biblical truth into our souls; John 14:26.

The Holy Spirit is the marriage counsellor for the new marriage with Jesus Christ, so the Holy Spirit through biblical truth provides the motivation, inspiration and reality of our relationship to the Lord.

Only revelation from God in His Word, regarding the Mosaic Law, reveals the sin nature as sovereign in human life ruling through spiritual death.

Man is blind to the relationship in the 1stmarriage apart from the ministry of the Mosaic Law. *Biblical teaching forces conclusions, leading to correct application and there's always a*

danger of distorting the correct meaning.

A false assumption always produces a false conclusion and false action to follow;

If you don't think right, you don't do right.

They assumed that since the sin nature is evil and the Law is placed in the same category connected with the 1st marriage, that the Law is also evil.

So, Paul demonstrates that the Law is not evil and not in any way related to the sin nature, except to expose it and to give a solution.

In demonstrating a hopeless marriage, the counsellor is not sinful or evil in doing so.

And Paul was not ignorant of sin as personal sin but the sin nature as the source of sin, as well as good and evil.