

Balancing Between Extremes

Romans 7:1-13

Romans Review:

Romans 6:14 *For sin shall not be master over you, for you are **not under law**, but under **grace**.*

1 Cor. 9:27 *but I buffet my body and make it my slave*

2 Cor. 7:1 *let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God*

2 Tim.2:22 *flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness*

Phil. 3:12 *I press on*

#1. The extreme of _____ - 7:1-6

1 *Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?*

2 *For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. **3** So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man.*

4 *Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead*

Romans 6:5 *For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,*

James 2:10 *For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Gal. 5:22-23 *But the **fruit** of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Heb. 13:15 *Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the **fruit** of lips that give thanks to His name.*

John 15:2 *Every branch in Me that does not bear **fruit**, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit.*

Phil. 1:11 *having been filled with the **fruit** of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory ...of God.*

5 *For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.*

6 *But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.*

1 John 2:3 *And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;*

- The **law** says, *Do this and you shall live*
- The **gospel** says, *Live and you shall do this*

#2. The extreme of _____ - 7:7-13

1st - The Law _____ sin

7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, You shall not covet

Matthew 5:27 "You have heard ... ' You shall not commit adultery'; 28 but I say ...that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

2nd - The Law _____ sin

8 But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead.

3rd - The Law _____ the sinner

*9 And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died;
10 and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; 11 for sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me.*

4th - The Law _____ the sinfulness of sin

12 So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13 *Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.*

What has the law shown you about your heart today?

#1. Are you _____?

#2. Are you _____ with Christ?

#3. Are you _____ from a heart of love?

Questions for family:

What is good about the law?

How do some people use the law incorrectly?

What does a balanced Christian look like?

How can we help each other obey God from the heart?

• **Next: read Romans 7:14-25 and Romans 8**