

The Epistle to the Romans!

The Text:

Romans 7:13-25!

The Title:

So What About the Law?

The Theme: Romans 1:16-17!

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”

An Overview of Romans

I. (Chaps. 1-8) The Focus is on **DOCTRINE!**

A. (Chaps.1-3) **Sin**: The Need for Righteousness.

B. (Chaps.4-5) **Salvation**: The Means of Righteousness.

C. (Chaps.6-8) **Sanctification**: The Result of Righteousness.

II. (Chaps.9-11) The Focus is **DISPENSATIONAL!**

D. (Chaps. 9-11) **Sovereignty**: The Disbelief of Righteousness.

III. (Chaps.12-16) The Focus is on **DELIBERATIONS!**

E. (Chaps. 12-16) **Service**: The Fruit of Righteousness.

Chapter Seven Sermon Outlines

Romans 7:1-6!

I. (7:1-6) Paul reasons with the LEGALIST!

A legalist is a person who holds to a strict conformity and/or adherence to the Law.

Here Paul addresses the Jewish believes who believed that justification (salvation) was gained by keeping the Law (salvation is accomplished by human efforts or works).

- A. (v.1) The axiom about the Law.
- B. (vv.2-3) The analogy of the Law.
- C. (vv.4-6) The application of the Law.

Chapter Seven Sermon Outlines

Romans 7:7-12

II. (7:7-12) Paul reasons with the **LIBERTARIAN!**

A libertarian is a person who believes that a person is justified (saved) solely through the act of the will (the decision of faith). Here Paul addresses the Gentile believer who believes that grace is a license to continue in sin, since grace is greater than the Law.

A. (vv.7-8) The Law **reveals** sin.

B. (vv.9-11) The Law **ruins** the sinner.

C. (v.12) The Law **reflects** the sinner's sinfulness.

Chapter Seven Sermon Outlines

Romans 7:13-25

III. (7:13-25) Paul Reasons with the LAW Abiding Believer!

The law abiding believer is one who understands and applies the teaching already addressed by Paul in Romans 7:1 and 3:31.

Here Paul addresses those (both Jews and Gentiles) who understand that God's grace and their works go hand-and-hand. Thus Paul will now encourage all who struggle daily to allow God's Gospel message to be seen in their lives (Matthew 5:13-16).

- A. (vv.13-23) The anguish of the repenting believer.
- B. (v.24) The agony of the repenting believer.
- C. (v.25) The answer given to the repenting believer.

Overview of this Section:

Chapter 6: The principles of justification!

Chapter 7: The practice of justification!

Chapter 8: The power of justification!