

Series on Romans for Airdrie Baptist Church, Autumn 2021

Session 5 Romans 7:7-25

Second False Implication: The Law Must Be Sinful

Paul has steadfastly stated that all men and women are without excuse, we are at odds with God because it is woven into our nature to rebel against Him. We are deemed unrighteous because we disregard His will. To be restored and reconciled to God results from faith in Christ. We are graciously justified (declared righteous) by God because we are now associated with His Son, and we are saved from sin's penalty, which is physical and spiritual death. In that transaction we take on a new nature, one of cooperation with God, through His Spirit and by virtue of the blood of His Son.

So, if the old nature was under the Law, and the new nature is under grace, does that not imply that the Law as a system is associated with sin, and is therefore a sinful institution? Another *me genoito*! The Law *demonstrates* our need *for* God's grace. Without the Law we would have no standard against which to recognize and evaluate our fallenness. As such, the Law is a divine blessing.

A. The Law Demonstrates the Reality of Our Sin 7:7-12

1. Apart from the Law, we have no standard against which to measure 7:7-8
2. We become aware of our sin when we become aware of the Law 7:9-11
3. Only through being aware of our sin can we die to sin 7:12

B. The Law Demonstrates the Futility of Our Struggle in Works 7:13-25

1. Awareness of sin is agreement with the Law 7:13
2. Practice of sin is a physical reality 7:14-20
3. Deliverance from sin is only found in Christ 7:21-25