

Not Good Enough

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Thesis:

Have You Ever Broken Any Law?

And If So, Is Christ Jesus Your Answer To Deal With Sin?

Introduction:

How Well Do You Keep the Ten Commandments?

(Way of the Master Video - Pablo)

I. The Law of God and the Spirit of God Both are Good. Yet One Brings Death & the Other Brings Life. How Can This Be?

The Law

Depends on Flesh
Romans 8:3
Produces Rebellion
Romans 7:8
Results in More Sin
Romans 5:20
Brings Wrath
Romans 4:15
Is Not of Faith
Galatians 3: 12a
The Law Kills
II Cor. 3: 4-6

The Spirit

Depends on God's Power
Acts 1:8
Produces God's Desire
Philippians 2:13
Results in Righteousness
Romans 8:4
Brings Joy & Peace
Galatians 5: 22-23
Is By Faith
Gal. 5:5, II Cor. 5:7
The Spirit Gives Life
II Cor. 3: 4-6

II. So If the Law Brings Death Why Was It Given?

A. To Expose Our Sin Nature and To Reveal That Sin Wants More Sin

(Romans 7: 7-8)

7 What should we say then? Is the law sin? Absolutely not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin if it were not for the law. For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, Do not covet.

8 And sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind. For apart from the law sin is dead.

B. To Drive Us To Despair of Self-Effort

(Romans 7: 21-25)

21 So I discover this principle: When I want to do what is good, evil is with me.

22 For in my inner self I joyfully agree with God's law.

23 But I see a different law in the parts of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me prisoner to the law of sin in the parts of my body.

24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this dying body?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I myself am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh, to the law of sin.

C. To Bring Us To Dependence On the Holy Spirit Alone

(Romans 8: 1-4)

1 Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus,

2 because the Spirit's law of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

3 What the law could not do since it was limited by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending His own Son in flesh like ours under sin's domain, and as a sin offering,

4 in order that the law's requirement would be accomplished in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

A Reminder of God's Grace That None of Us Are Good Enough
To Get Ourselves To Heaven

III. Three Questions Regarding Personal Sin & Salvation:

1. Have You Been Saved From the Penalty of Sin?

(Ephesians 2: 8-9)

8 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—

9 not from works, so that no one can boast.

Our Position Justified

2. Are You Being Saved From the Power of Sin?

(Romans 6: 11-14)

11 So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its desires.

13 And do not offer any parts of it to sin as weapons for unrighteousness. But as those who are alive from the dead, offer yourselves to God, and all the parts of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness.

14 For sin will not rule over you, because you are not under law but under grace.

Moment By Moment Set Apart For God
(i.e. Sanctification)

3. Are You Saved From the Presence of Sin?

(Romans 8:23)

And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits —we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Redeemed From Sinful Nature We Receive
New Bodies Without Sin

Conclusion:

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