Romans Lesson 12

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INTRODUCTION

- Romans really says the most about how that we're saved by grace through faith.
- Grace does not mean that obedience is unnecessary.
- But if we are under grace, we still must yield ourselves to obey God.

1 Dead to the Law, Married to Christ

Romans 7:1–4; Matthew 19:4–9; 1 Corinthians 7:11

- We're dead to the law of Moses, but we're now married to Christ.
- Wherefore, my brethren, ye also become dead to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead.
- Only one cause, one exception by which there may be a divorce and freedom to marry again, and that is for the cause of fornication.
- Just like the physical marriage, you can't be married to two different people at the same time.

2 Delivered From the Law to Serve in Newness of Spirit

Romans 7:5–6

- We cannot be married to a system of law and a system of grace at the same time.
- But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held, that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.
- But even in Jesus Christ doesn't mean that we have liberty to do what we want to do at the time we want to do it.
- We're freed from a law that had no ransom or pardon from sin. We now have pardon for sin.

3 God Wants All Men to Be Saved; Man Must Choose

1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 10:34–35

- Under grace, it has a ransom. Jesus Christ died for our sins.
- What it does mean is God has provided a pardon. It's made possible for all men. He wants all men to obey. But man has a part in it.
- Man must choose. And man can choose either to serve God or to serve unrighteousness, that is, to serve the devil.
- We must obey the gospel, the system of grace, which has a pardon for sin, but it still has obligation to obey even from the heart.

4 Is the Law Sin? God Forbid

Romans 7:7–13

- What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin but by the law.
- Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.
- What that really says is the law taught man about sin.
- But the law written down gives man an understanding of what is God's word. He is without excuse, really.

5 The Law Was Nailed to the Cross

Exodus 20:17; Colossians 2:14–17; 2 Corinthians 3:7–16

- The New Testament nowhere calls Sunday the Christian Sabbath.
- The whole point of this context is we are not under that system of law that included even this particular commandment.
- Nowhere does the Bible speak about the difference between a moral and a ceremonial law.
- That law of Moses, even containing the Ten Commandments, is not the law that Christians serve under today.

6 We Worship on the First Day of the Week

Luke 24; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2

- Nine of those commandments are repeated in the New Testament.
- There's only one of those ten that is not repeated in the New Testament. That's remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
- We worship on the first day of the week. Why? Because that's the same day of the week Jesus Christ arose from the grave.

MY NOTES