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- Women's First-Saturday Coffee - August 3rd @ 9am
- Serving the Arab Refugees in Sacramento - Saturday, August 3rd @ 8am
- Women's Day at Cityteam - Friday, August 9th & 26th @ 11am
- Church at the Fairgrounds - Sunday, August 25th @ 10am
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, September 5th @ 7pm

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"Sovereign Over Us" - Bryan Brown, Aaron Keyes, Jack Mooring

"Hosanna" - Brooke Fraser

"O Praise the Name" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$998,586.00

Giving Last Week.....\$34,030.00
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Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Sin and the Law
Romans 7:7-13

REVIEW:

1. The system of law and sin produces death.

Rom. 7:5 *For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.*

2. We were once enslaved to sin, in order to carry out its desires.

Rom. 6:19 *I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.*

The law defines and provokes sin.

1. The law is not sin; it identifies it.

Rom. 7:7a *What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.*

2. The sin principle utilizes the law to produce disobedience to the law.

Rom. 7:7b *For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.*



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Paul uses his own experience to show the process by which the law controls sinful people.

1. The process begins when one becomes aware of the law.

Rom. 7:9 *I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.*

2. Because of sin one experiences death rather than God's intended life.

Rom. 7:10 *The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.*

3. Sin becomes our master as it uses the law to trick and destroy us.

Rom. 7:11 *For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.*

The system of the Law vs. the system of the Spirit (under grace):

Gal. 5:16 *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

The law is good, but our response to it reveals how desperate we are.

Rom. 7:12 *So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.*

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REFLECTION:

1. You are no longer under the system of the law but under grace.

Rom. 6:14 *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

2. Our new quality of life gives us freedom to resist the sin principle in us.

Rom. 7:6 *But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

3. Stay in step with the Spirit!

Rom. 8:2 *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*