



MOVING FORWARD

Thinking Rightly About Holiness & Sin
Part 2 of 7 - Romans 7:7-13

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1. Let God's Rules _____ (vv.7, 13)

7:7 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. 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. 9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

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

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. (ESV)

2. Let God's Rules _____ (vv.8-11)

3. Let God's Rules _____ (v.12)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 18:9-14**. In light of this parable of Jesus, why is it so important to let the law of God expose our sin?

Just by what we know of the Pharisee in these few verses, what are some of the requirements of the law that he was ignoring?

2. The sin God chose to illustrate the probing nature of the law in Romans 7 is "coveting". Why is the use of that command such an effective choice for people who tend to feel "respectable" and "good"?

Read **Exodus 20:17**. What are some of your specific failures as it relates to this particular transgression of God's law?

3. How does your view of grace change the more you see the sinfulness of your own sin (Rom.7:13b)?

4. Read **1 Peter 1:14-16**. What insights about "holiness" have you recently gained from reading the *moral* aspects of the Old Testament law?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

February 28th

Num.21-23 & Mk.7:14-8:10

March 1st

Num.24-27 & Mk.8:11-38

March 2nd

Num.28-29 & Mk.9:1-29

March 3rd

Num.30-31 & Mk.9:30-50

March 4th

Num.32-33 & Mk.10:1-31

March 5th

Num.34-36 & Mk.10:32-52

March 6th

Deut.1-2 & Mk.11:1-19

March 7th

Deut.3-4 & Mk.11:20-33

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0906 – **The Goal of Scripture's Many Rules**

CD # 0813 – **Getting Honest About Myself**

CD # 0663 – **The Sin Problem: And Our Problem with Sin**

CD # 0905 – **The Word's Clarity About Our Sin**

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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