



## THE CONVICTION OF SIN

Romans 7:7-13

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Good morning church! We can experience freedom from sin and from the law which condemns us because of our sin. So, it is important for us to see the importance of conviction God brings through His Word and through His Spirit. We looked in the beginning of Romans 7, that The Law Binds a Person As Long As They Live. However, Christians are no longer under the reign of God's grace and no longer under the law.

The Law Can No Longer Condemn a Believer. We are still held accountable and responsible for who we are and what we do in Jesus Christ. We are to still teach God's Law, and Honor God's Law, & obey God's Law. However, every believer has been freed from the condemning relationship of the law and is in a new relationship that is joined to Christ. We Serve in the New Way of the Spirit and Not in Old Way of The Law.

### **Romans 7:7-13**

*“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.”*

*This morning, let us look at how Paul teaches that ...*

#### **I. The law CONVICTS BELIEVERS of Sin (v. 7)**

*“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.” **2 Corinthians 7:10***

- Repentance is the desire to TURN from sin and RESTORE one's relationship to God.

## II. The law CONVICTS UNBELIEVERS of Sin (v. 8-9)

- Sin is fulfilling a God-GIVEN desire in a God-FORBIDDEN way.

## III. The law of God is HOLY, JUST, and GOOD. (v 10-13)

*Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **22** On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' **23** And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' **Matthew 7:21-23***

Paul says the law is not evil because it reveals our sin, arouses our sin, or condemns our sin. Our sin is what causes spiritual death, not the law. Actually, we need to view the Law of God as Holy, Just, and Good even as it convicts us of our sin.