

## **God's Law: Holy, Just and Good**

### **Rom 7:12-14**

12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. NKJV

I was listening to a program this morning. They were discussing surveys. Only 1/3 of self-proclaimed Christians believe that we can know anything absolutely, or that there is such a thing as absolute truth. And only 10% of teens believe that there is such a thing as absolute truth. Does that help explain the trouble we are in when it come to morality today. Makes you wonder why a university that teaches their students that there is no such thing as absolute truth would be so concerned about plagiarism on school papers as though they know absolutely that that is wrong. But is only 1/3 of those who claim to be Christians believe in absolute truth, we have a problem, a problem of sources for our faith.

Now in our text today Paul has been talking about how sin within him took the law and slew him. Then he raises the question as to how the law could be both good and yet be used to bring us down.

Even though Paul did not have the idea that someone would question the law, yet I thought this was a good place to present the meaning of verse 12.

#### I. The Law of God is Holy

##### A. Ps 19:7-11

1. 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
2. The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
3. 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
4. The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
5. 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
6. The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
7. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
8. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
9. And in keeping them there is great reward.

- B. The law is holy because it was given by God and because God is holy He could not have given us anything but what is holy.

1. But I heard one Baptist preacher say one time that we must not claim that we can actually understand the word of God.
  2. Does that not reflect on God's ability to communicate with us.
  3. Or as the bumper sticker says, "What part of Thou Shalt Not do't you understand."
- C. The laws of this nation were once based on the law of God
1. We believed that it was the final authority.
  2. We considered that it was what God required of us.
    - a. In some of the early colonies worship was required daily, and you could be punished for neglecting it.
    - b. Most of our states and communities used to have blue laws; no businesses open on Sunday.
    - c. I don't point that out to indicate that I think we should go back to that.
    - d. But I do think that we have gone too far in abandoning the laws of God in our national scene.
    - e. All of the great moral transgressions were once against the law.
      - (1) adultery
        - (a) pretty much normalized today
        - (b) the congress is in the process of passing a hate-crime bill that would no doubt eventually land preachers in jail, simply for reading certain passages.
        - (c) Lev 20:13 If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. NKJV
        - (d) now I would never advocate the death penalty for such a sin, but it should surely tell us that it is wrong if God speaks so strongly against it.
      - (3) bigamy, defended by the ACLU
      - (4) pedophile
        - (a) the Man Boy Love Association, defended by the ACLU
        - (b) the supreme court has ruled that child pronography

that depicts children by animation cannot be ruled illegal for it is protected speech.

(5) incest

(6) and the list could go on and on

## II. The Law of the Lord is Just

A. Holiness and justice go together

B. Justice has the idea that it is fair, equitable, upright.

C. The symbol of the blindfolded lady holding a pair of balances in her hand has become our symbol for justice.

D. God's law does not discriminate.

1. Rev 20:12-13 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. NKJV

2. What does that mean, they will be judge according to their works?

3. Does that mean they will be judge by what they thought was right and wrong?

4. Does that mean they will be judged by what the courts said was right and wrong.

5. What about congress, the ACLU, their pastor or church, their mother or father.

6. No, a thousand times no. they will each one be judged by the law of God for their actions.

7. How do their actions measure up with God's law, that will be the question.

E. And it will be just, for God does not show any favoritism.

1. Acts 17:30-31 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." NKJV

## III. God's Law is Good

A. It is good by its very nature.

1. It is holy and just and therefore must be good.

2. God is good and could not give us a bad law.
  3. Many laws are passed by governments that are not good, but rather bad.
  4. Even our own government has a few bad laws on the books.
- B. God's law is good because it is good for us.
1. Just take the ten commandments for instance.
  2. Each one of those simple commandments when obeyed will bring a much happier life.
  3. They would make an society a great place to live.
  4. But you cannot violate any of them without consequences that are both devastating and lasting.
  5. We live in a nation that no longer honors God.
  6. As a matter of fact most Christians are ashamed of God and thier faith.
  7. We have removed God, prayer and the Bible from schools and what has been our blessings from that.
  8. Do we have better schools than we did in the fifties and early sixties, who could say yes.
  9. Now we have to have security guards and metal detectors in our schools and we have the largest drop out rate that we ever had, especially when you count those children who graduate but can't even read.
- C. But God's law is good for us personally.
1. Ps 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. KJV
  2. Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. NKJV
- D. Don't let your conscience be your guide, let God's word, God's Law be your guide.