

JULY 2, 2023
SERIES 1: FREE FROM SIN

THE WEAKNESS OF THE LAW

Romans 7:13-25

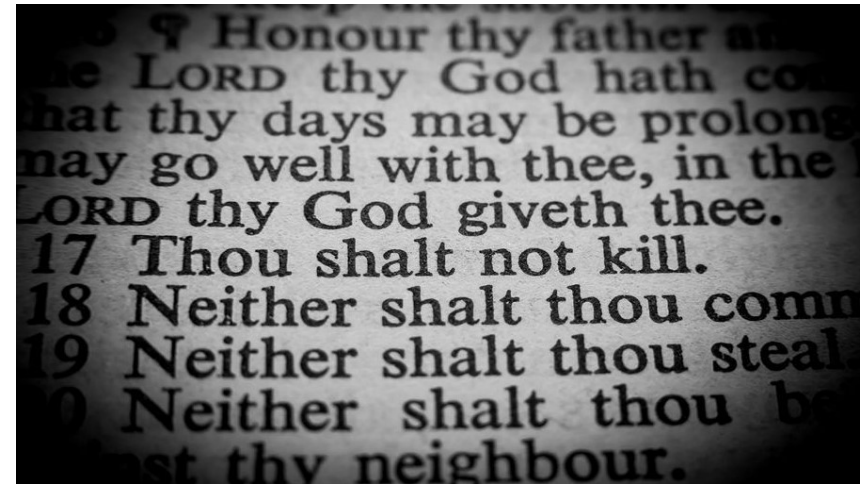
But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God's good commands for its own evil purposes. So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to

obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

1. The _____ and _____ of the _____
 - a. The law _____ and _____ sin (13)
 - b. The _____ law can not restrain a _____
2. The struggle of _____ in our own _____
 - a. Paul _____ his sense of _____ (15-19)
 - B. The _____ between _____ (20-23)
3. The _____ found in _____
 - a. Paul's _____ and _____ (24)
 - b. Paul _____ looks _____ of himself, and looks to _____ (25)

NOTES:

AM I FOLLOWING JESUS?



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