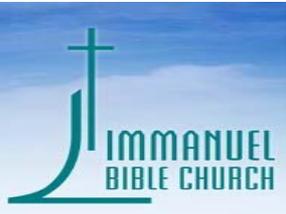


For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

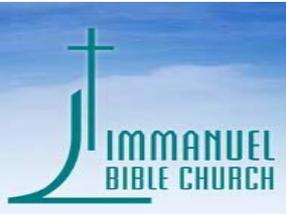
Romans 1:16-17



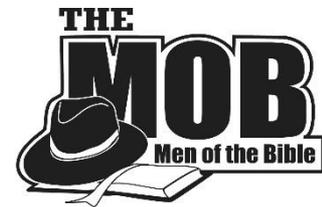
Announcements



- **Welcome to the MOB!** Website: www.ibcmob.net
- [The Conquer Series: Battle Plan for Moral Purity, Wednesdays, January 10 - February 7, 2018, 7:00 PM, Matthew Place, POC: Pastor Tom Joyce](#)
- [Women's Coffee House "Evening of Grace" February 2, 2018](#)



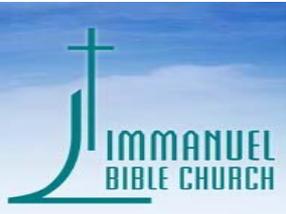
Memory Verse



Galatians 3:24 (NASB)

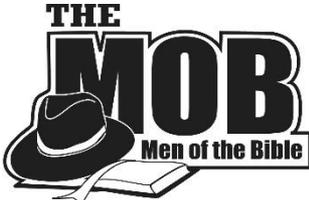
Therefore, the Law has become our tutor
(schoolmaster) to lead us to Christ, so that we
may be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24 (NASB)



Romans

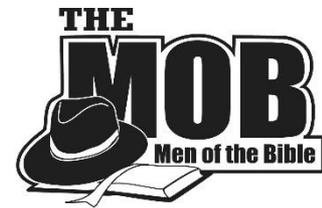
Outline



Focus	Revelation of God's Righteousness			Vindication of God's Righteousness			Application of God's Righteousness	
	Reference	1:1 – 3:20	3:21 – 5:21	6:1 – 8:39	9:1-29	9:30 – 10:21	11:1-36	12:1 – 13:14
Division	Need for God's Righteousness	Imputation of God's Righteousness	Demonstration of God's Righteousness	Israel's Past: Election	Israel's Present: Rejection	Israel's Future: Restoration	Christian Duties	Christian Liberties
Topic	Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Sovereignty			Service	
	Doctrinal						Behavioral	
Location & Time	Probably written in Corinth (Greece) around 57 AD							



Last Meeting



Key Thoughts :

Our freedom from sin:

- Know the Facts
- Reckon the Facts
- Yield to Righteousness
(NOT to Sin!)
- Grow in Sanctification

Scripture:

- [Romans 6:1-23](#)

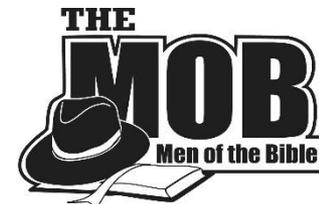
Encountering the Book of Romans

Chapter 10: “Freedom from the Power of Sin”

- Pages 93 - 101



This Meeting



Key Thoughts :

- While Romans 6 reflects how we died to sin, Romans 7 provides the application of the Law in our lives and contrasts the role and value of the Law with the evil nature of sin.

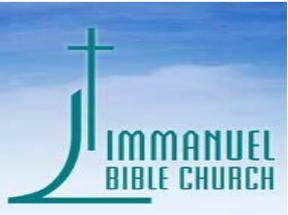
Scripture:

- [Romans 7:1-25](#)

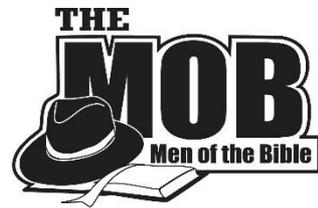
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Chapter 11: “Freedom from the Law” pp. 103-113

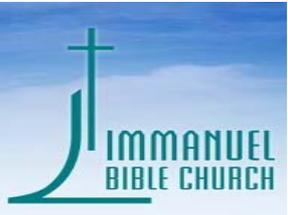
- Released from Bondage to the Law through the Death of Christ
- The Coming of the Law ([Romans 7:7-12](#))
- Life Under the Law ([Romans 7:13-25](#))



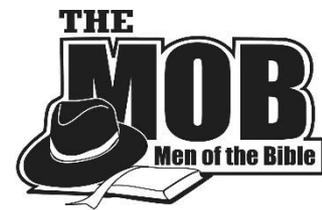
Romans 7:1-25 (ESV)



¹ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.



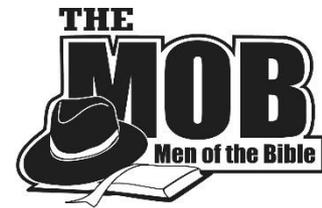
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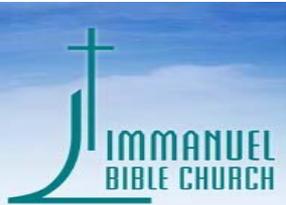
⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. 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.



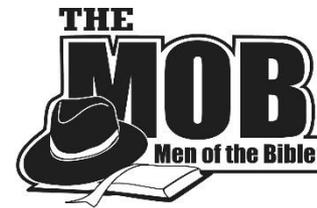
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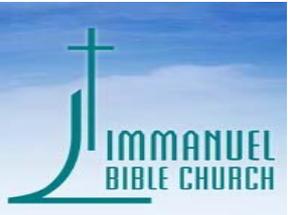
⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds 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.



Romans 7:1-25 (ESV)



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. ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.



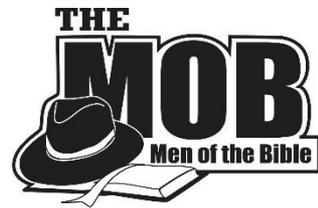
Romans 7:1-25 (ESV)



²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



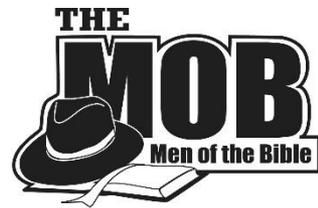
Outline



- Released from the Bondage of Law through the death of Christ (vv. 1-6)
- The Coming of the Law (vv. 7-12)
- Life under the Law (vv. 13-25)
 - A description of the Law's continuing effects, including Paul's Lament

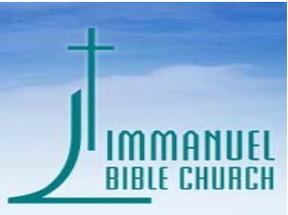


Release from the Law

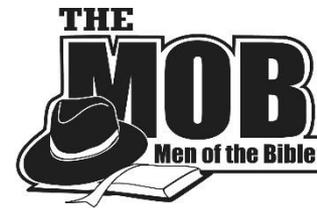


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- Observation: Death brings release from the Law and its binding rules
 - The intimate relationship of husband and wife elevates the point
 - A defiled union, until formal release
 - Spiritual marriage is a recurring theme
 - ([Ephesians 5:25,32](#); [2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Revelation 19:7-9](#))
- Interpretation:
 - Again Paul launches off to address expected arguments and criticisms



Applicability of the Law

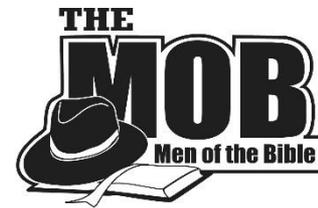


⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

- Observation: The Law has serious applicability to our worldly existence and appetite
 - *Katargéō* g2673; to render ineffective; released from the power
 - *Kainotés* g2538; freshness, newness; qualitatively different experience
- Interpretation:
 - The Law defined an objective moral standard to meet and more...
 - the Law stimulated rebellion
 - the Law increased the penalty: Sin → Transgression



The Law



The Law: g3551 *nómos*; a law, the Mosaic Law

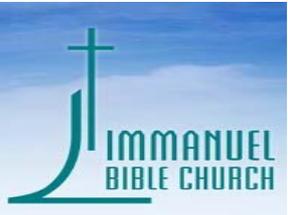
Paul's introduction on Romans often casts it in a negative role*

1. *Makes us conscious of our sin (3:20)*
2. *It cannot justify (3:28)*
3. *It stirs up wrath (4:15)*
4. *It increases trespass (5:20)*
5. *It is contrary to grace (6:14-15)*
6. *Arouses sinful passions (7:5)*

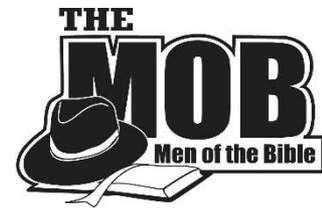
Paul's expanded argument complements the Laws role and contrasts it with sin

1. *The Law is not sin (7:7)*
 2. *The Law is holy (7:12)*
 3. *The Law is good (7:13, 16)*
 4. *The Law is spiritual (7:14)*
 5. *It is the Law of God (7:22,25)*
- [Matthew 5:17-18](#) (14+14+14)

*Moo, 104-105



The Coming of the Law



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Observation: The problem is not the Law, but the power of sin working through the Law

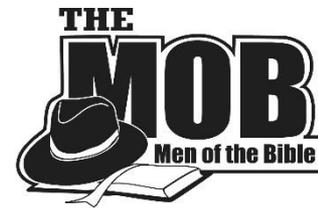
- Paul wants to vindicate the Law from the charge that it itself is evil
- Paul reverts to a narrative style for his discussions
- The use of “I” in vv. 7 – 12. Three options by Moo for interpretation:
 - “I” is Paul (e.g., his own personal condition)
 - “I” is Adam (e.g., human being; human condition)
 - “I” is Israel (e.g., history of his people)

Interpretation: Death brings release of the Law and its binding rules...

- Remember: The teaching of Paul’s day: The Law brought life to Israel
- Paul’s tie of sin and the Law provides a consistent interpretation of the role of both these items – continually and consistently reinforced in his teaching



Life Under the Law



¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me...

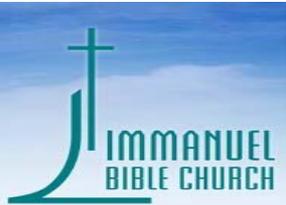
¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing...²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Observation: There are three options for considering the use of “I” in vv. 13-25.

- Three options by Moo for interpretation:
 - Paul describes his experience as an unconverted Jew under the law
 - Paul describes his experiences shortly after his conversion
 - Paul describes his experiences as a mature Christian

Interpretation: The conflict of the two natures points to an example of someone already claimed by the Savior

- A personal description of the futility of saved person trying to conform to the Law



Galatians Chapter 3



²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian* until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**paidagógos; g3807. Lit. child-leader
Tutor (NASB)*

What About Us?

Polar Bear Alert

[Ephesians 4:1-3](#)

Three Concepts:

- Eclairs in your refrigerators – being double minded
- A penny under the wheel – setting up clear boundaries
- Polar Bear Alert – the principal of substitute thinking

Some Resources:

sportsspectrum.com

bandofbrothers.org

thecripplegate.com

radical.net

michaelincontext.com

cslewisinstitute.org



2 Cor. 10:5

"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."



Discussion & Application



A. Discussion: Paul's Lament in vv. 14 - 25

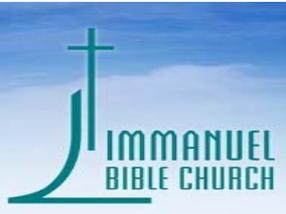
What is your interpretation of these verses?

Do you agree or disagree with the following description? Why?

“A strong reflection of the unregenerate sinner’s dilemma when faced with the Holy Law’s effect on an unrighteous creature.”

B. Application Questions:

1. If people are controlled by sin, how are they responsible for their own actions?
2. If sin is dead without the Law, then why not ignore the Law altogether?
3. What analogies would you use to describe the Law’s effect?
(a measuring stick, an unobtainable goal, a standard to strive for, other)
4. Does Paul’s lament in vv. 15 – 25 add fear to your own struggles with sin and living for Christ in this world? How can we combat these?
5. Are you a hot, on fire, going for it, no-holds-barred, Jesus-loving believer?



Next Meeting



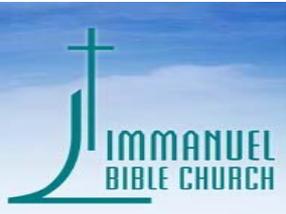
Rejoicing in Life and Hope

Review:

- [Romans 7](#)

Study:

- Read [Romans 8:1-13](#)
- *Encountering Romans* Chapter 12, pages 115-119



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer



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