

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when a specific Scripture stood out to you and changed your view or your actions.

2. Why do you think the prohibition in Scripture against something makes us want to do it more?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about obedience:
 - a) Exodus 23:22
 - b) Deuteronomy 28:1
 - c) I Samuel 15:22
 - d) Psalm 81:15
 - e) John 14:15
 - f) II Corinthians 10:5
 - g) Hebrews 13:17

4. Why did Paul use the example of coveting when he spoke about sin instead of using the example of stealing, adultery, or murder?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - ☐ I am going to examine my life and see if there are any areas where I may be coveting. If so, I am going to ask forgiveness.
 - ☐ I am going to do a Bible study on sin and deception to discover ways in which people are deceived by sin.
 - ☐ I am going to memorize John 14:15.

Cornerstone Church
Romans 7:7-13

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Understanding God's Sanctification ***Part 4: Sanctification and the Law:*** ***Is the Law Good or Bad?***

I. Introduction

A. Breaking the Law

B. The Law in Paul's Day

(See Luke 11:46; Acts 15:10)

613 Commandments
248 Mandates
365 Prohibitions

C. Paul's Critics

(See Romans 7:6; Deuteronomy 27:26; Romans 7:7)

II. The Purpose of the Law

A. The Law Reveals Sin

(See Romans 7:7; Romans 3:20; Romans 4:15; James 1:22-25; Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21)

The end of the whole thing is that we arrive at an inward situation and not merely an outward one. Actually, we break this last commandment, not to covet, before we break any others. Any time that we break one of the other commandments of God, it means we have already broken this commandment in coveting.

Francis Shaeffer, Theologian & Philosopher

B. The Law Arouses Sin

(See Romans 7:8-9; Philippians 3:4-6; Galatians 1:13-14;
I Corinthians 15:56; Romans 8:7; Galatians 5:15)

C. The Law Brings Death

(See Romans 7:10-11; Galatians 3:21; Romans 7:7;
Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21; James 1:14-15;
Hebrews 3:13; Numbers 32:23; Galatians 5:16)

D. The Law Exposes the Evil of Sin

(See Romans 7:12-13; Psalm 19:7-11)

Passage of Study Romans 7:7-13

⁷ What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

⁸ But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;

¹⁰ and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; ¹¹ for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

¹² So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³ Therefore did that which is good become *a cause of* death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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