

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Romans 7:1-6.**
- B. In Romans 7, Paul speaks of at least three kinds of law. And then answers that the best law, the one which releases us from the others is the law of X.
- C. In tonight's lesson we want to look at two laws in Romans 7 that bring us down, and then to Romans 8 to see the blessings found in the law of X.

## I. UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES.

- A. Scripture text: Romans 7:1-6.
- B. Paul is speaking to Jewish Xians who knew the Law (Rom. 7:1).
- C. Some of these brethren might be thinking that they are committing spiritual adultery with God by leaving the Law of Moses and following X. This is not true because of the death of X.
- D. God had the right to divorce Israel because of their adultery, but He did not. God, in the person of JC, died to the Law, therefore freeing Himself of the covenant and associated promises (Rom. 7:4).
- E. The illustration is that of marriage and the fact that when a spouse dies, the other spouse is freed from the law that held them to the spouse.

## II. UNDER THE LAW OF THE FLESH.

- A. Scripture text: Romans 7:22-25.
- B. But there is another battle, even more important from our perspective that is going on. This is the war going on between one's sinful nature (the law in the members of the body) and the desire to do right; the law of the mind (Rom. 7:19).
- C. Let's back up and look at the context of what Paul is saying. Freud explained this phenomenon as the id, ego and super ego (Rom. 7:14-22).
- D. How can we free ourselves from this law? Only in JC (Rom. 7:25).

## III. JESUS CHRIST RELEASES US FROM THE LAW.

- A. First, JC releases those under the Law of Moses (Rom. 8:2).
- B. The NT is clear that the Law of Moses has been fulfilled and taken away by the death of X (Rom. 7:4; 8:3; Col. 2:14; Eph. 2:14-16; Heb. 9:16,17).
- C. Second, JC releases those under the law of the flesh (Rom. 7:25; 8:1,5-9).

## IV. BLESSINGS WE ENJOY BEING UNER THE LAW OF CHRIST.

- A. There is no condemnation (Rom. 8:1).
- B. The Holy Spirit dwells within us (Rom. 8:9-11).
- C. We are a child (son) of God (Rom. 8:14,16).
- D. We are a fellow-heirs with X (Rom. 8:17).
- E. All things will work together for good (Rom. 8:28).
- F. Nothing can separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:38,39).

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. It's great to wake up every morning and know that Romans 8:1 is still in the Bible!
- B. May we train ourselves in godliness so that we need not be under the law of the flesh; and can strive to live under the law of the Spirit.
- C. What law do you live under? The law of the flesh or the law of X?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.