

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 7:7 The Law was given to reveal God's standard of righteousness. The Law was given to reveal to men the sheer impossibility of achieving that standard of righteousness. The Law serves to reveal the need for forgiveness and to trust in God's mercy.
- 2) 7:5 God's Law not only reveals sin, but also arouses it to action because, by nature, rebels oppose restrictions.
- 3) 7:7 Through the Law we understand what sin really is.
- 4) 7:7 Law provides the opportunity for sin's wicked activity to be revealed.
- 5) 7:7 From a human perspective; God's Law is seen as a restriction, as a denial of a right. In turn, the perceived denial causes resentment, which gives rise to rebellion, which produces sin.
- 6) 7:7 The Law is preparation for the way of salvation, but it is not the way of salvation.
- 7) 7:7 The real battle with sin is an internal matter of the heart, and only the transforming power of the Holy Spirit can take a sinful heart and make it acceptable to God. The Law's part in that transformation is to make a person aware of his sin and of his need for divine forgiveness and to set the standard of acceptable morality.
- 8) 7:8 Take something intended by God for good, corrupt it and take away the boundaries, and it will produce wickedness every single time.
- 9) 7:8 If the cross has done all that is needed, and His Word reveals my righteousness amounts to nothing, then it leads to one ultimate conclusion: Jesus' death for my sin removes from me any possibility of boasting (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- 10) 7:8 The ultimate purpose of the Law is to drive us to faith in Jesus. He alone fulfilled the demands of the Law on behalf of those who trust in His righteousness instead of their own.

QUOTES

"When applied to our motives, it shows us our very best actions are extremely defective. Thus it plucks up by the roots all conceit of our own goodness, and causes us to lie low before God as miserable sinners." ~Charles Simeon, 1833

"The law, although it cannot secure justification, performs an essential part in the economy of salvation. It enlightens conscience... which we should not otherwise have recognized as sins. It arouses sin, increasing its power, and making it, both in itself and in our consciousness, exceedingly sinful. It therefore produces that state of mind which is a necessary preparation for the reception of the gospel." ~Charles Hodge

"Before the gospel can be embraced as a means of deliverance from sin, we must feel we are involved in corruption and misery." ~Charles Hodge

GREEK WORDS

Aphormē—opportunity; used of the starting point or base of operations for an expedition

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