

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 7:8 Why did God give laws that are impossible to keep? The Law was given to reveal God's perfect standard and man's inability to reach it.
- 2) 7:9 As believers mature in Jesus, we discover more and more just how far short of the glory of God we actually fall.
- 3) 7:9 Paul came to the realization that all his religious activity was spiritual rubbish (Philippians 3:7-8).
- 4) 7:9 For a person to understand how much he or she needs Jesus, the Holy Spirit has to do what only He can do.
- 5) 7:10 The Law cannot produce the life it was meant to because no one is able to meet the Law's standard of righteousness. Therefore, the unbeliever stands under the sentence of eternal death.
- 6) 7:10 Those who are deceived think they are acceptable to God because of their own goodness. As a result, they see no need of salvation from Jesus.
- 7) 7:12-13 When a person is justly convicted, there is no fault in the law. The fault is with the one who broke the law. So just because the Law reveals, arouses, and condemns sin does not make God's Law evil.
- 8) 7:13 Until people see sin for what it is, they will not see the need of salvation. God must expose it.
- 9) 7:13 The ultimate purpose of the Law is to drive us to the one individual in history capable of fulfilling all the commandments...Jesus Christ.
- 10) 7:13 Christians still need exposure to God's righteous standards so we can see more clearly the sin in our lives and confess it in order to experience the full blessing that belongs to us as His children.
- 11) Evidences of saving faith:
 - Prayer—The heart of a Christian cannot help calling out to God; the Holy Spirit is within us to generate that yearning (Galatians 4:6).
 - Repentance from sin and hatred of it—A person who genuinely loves God will have an innate hatred of sin; it is impossible to love things contradictory to one another (Matthew 6:24).
 - Love for God—An unsaved person cannot love God (Romans 8:7). A true child of God will have a life imprinted by enjoyment in and satisfaction in God and His Word (Psalm 1:2).

GREEK WORDS

Skybalon (skoo'-bal-on)—what is thrown to the dogs, refuse (ordure) :- dung

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