Romans 7 part 2
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I. Introduction.

    A. Text: Romans 7:14-8:4

    B. When one walks in the Spirit he is fulfilling the purpose God has for him.

    C. The things that cause our downfall when we attempt to walk in the Spirit.

        1. The secret love we have for our sin.

        2. The tendency to want to run our lives with rules and regulations.

            a. The new life in Jesus is not subject to any law nor does it need any.

            b. The purpose of the law is to show us our own sin.

III. Behavior that baffles.

    A. Laws cause men to break the law by way of temptation.

    B. The desire not to break a law is not sufficient.

    C. People go through cycle after cycle of giving themselves to the Lord with little overall effect.

    D. A carnal Christian is a person who lives under the old life.

        1. God cannot accept anything that comes from the old life.

        2. The old life is the hunger to do right but the inability to do it.

IV. A law that limits.

    A. The law of temptation is at work against us. This is necessary in teaching a man how to refuse evil and how to choose good.

    B. The problem is that the flesh is totally incapable of serving God.

    C. God does not need man's efforts—He has provided another way.

    D. The power to do is not a permanent gift, but it must be received each moment from the Holy Spirit.

    E. Power does not lie in a man—power lies in God.

    F. Do-it-yourself Christianity never works.

V. A force that frees.

      A. There must always be a putting to death of one's self. When this happens the law of the Spirit of life sets one free.

      B. The only motive that true obedience can come from is the life of God within a person.

      C. The debt of one's sin is canceled in Christ.

      D. The Spirit of God is there to help us rely upon Him.

Application questions:

      1. Why is the law ineffective for obedience?
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      2. How does God work around the law to provide for obedience?
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      3. What role does putting to death one's self play in one's spiritual life?
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