



Small Group Discussion Notes

Romans: The Letter that Changed the World

What's Law Got To Do With It

Romans 7:1-6

June 5th, 2022

Warm Up

Back up and read *Romans 6:15-23*

Antinomianism is the incorrect belief that concludes that because of grace there are no moral laws that God requires us to obey. How does this passage combat this conclusion?

How do we see antinomianism being played out in our world today (ex. God just wants me to be happy)?

Digging Deeper

Read *Romans 7:1-6*

Chapter 6 brings up two questions that are answered in 7:1-6 What to do with the law and what was the point of the law?

According to verse 4 what has happened to the law? What has it freed us to do: be single and party it up (antinomianism), marry another, or keep acting like we are married to it (legalism)?

With this in mind and looking at Jeremiah 31:31-34, what happens to the law in this new life with Christ as our spouse, where we live in the Spirit and not in the flesh (Romans 8:1-17)?

Verse 5-6 says that because we lived in the flesh the law held us captive, in that it pointed out our sin but did nothing to free us from our sin, and furthermore it actually aroused our sinful passions. How do we see this playing out in our world (ex. Adam and Eve: You can eat any fruit but this one from this tree)? How have you seen this play out in your own life (ex. the speed limit is 65 MPH)?

Next Steps

How do we keep from falling into the traps of antinomianism or legalism?

Read *Galatians 5:22-25*

If we belong to Christ and live by the Spirit what is the evidence we should be seeing in our lives?

Final Thoughts

Take time in prayer this week to ask God to reveal areas of your life that you have not invited him into (trap of antinomianism) or areas of your life that you are trying to earn his love or prove your worthiness (trap of legalism). Repent and experience the freedom of living in the Spirit in all areas of your life.