

**TRUE LIGHT M.B. WEDNESDAY
EVENING BIBLE STUDY
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SERIES:TWISTED SCRIPTURE (UNTANGLING 45 LIES CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN TOLD.

TEXT: ROMANS 7:1-4

FREEDOM FROM THE LAW - LESSON # 1. “YOUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO KEEP THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”

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TONIGHT WE WANT TO RETURN TO OUR SERIES ENTITLED: TWISTED SCRIPTURES” (UNTANGLING 45 LIES CHRISTIANS MAY HAVE BEEN TOLD) IT’S A SERIES DESIGNED TO LOOK AT SOME DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE TO DETERMINE IF WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THEM ARE TRUE, FALSE OR JUST MISUDERSTOOD. IN THIS THIRD SECTION WE ARE LOOKING AT A NEW STUDY ON FREEDOM FROM THE LAW: AND THE FIRST SECTION OF OUR STUDIES DEALT WITH SALVATION QUESTIONS. THE SECOND SECTION DEALT WITH ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE BELIVER. THE THIRD SECTION DEALT WITH LOOKING AT THE OLD VERSUS THE NEW TESTAMENT. TONIGHT, WE WILL LOOK AT ANOTHER CONFUSION TEACHING AND THAT IS: SHOULD OUR GOAL BE TO KEEP THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. TO GAIN SOME UNDERSTADING OF THIS TEACHING LET’S USE ROMANS 7:4 AS A FOUNDATION.

1Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? **2**For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law ^[b]concerning the husband. **3**So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.**4**Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order **that we might bear fruit for God.**

INTRODUCTION:

THE LAST TIME WE WERE TOGETHER WE SAW HOW IMPORTANT IS FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEW TESTAMENT/COVENANT SUPERSEDES THE OLD TESTAMENT/COVENANT. TONIGHT WE WANT TO LOOK AT A NEW SECTION ENTITLED:FREEDOM FROM THE LAW AND DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF SHOULD WE BE KEEPING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

TERMS: _

1. JEWISH LAW- CONSISTED OF EVERYTHING WRITTEN IN THE FIRST 5 BOOKS THE BIBLE (CEREMONIAL)
2. TEN COMMANDMENTS- 10 LAWS GIVEN TO MOSES ON 2 TABLETS ON THE MOUNTAIN. EXODUS 20.
3. MORAL LAWS- LAWS WE SAY WE ARE TO GOVERN OURSELVES BY.

(3)THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE LAW AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:

I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS REVEAL SIN.

ROMANS 7:7b-8

7b I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about **coveting** if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.” **8**But sin, taking opportunity through **the commandment**, produced in me coveting of every kind; for **apart from the Law sin is dead**.

TERMS:

- COVET (WEBSTER)- TO YEARN TO POSSESS OR HAVE (SOMETHING)
- BIBLICAL COVET –(EPITHYMEO) YEARN FOR THE FORBIDDEN

4 KEYS TO HAVING VICTORY OVER SIN:

1. VICTORY IS WROUGHT IN THE SPIRIT: ROM. 7:8

8But sin, taking opportunity through **the commandment**, produced in me coveting of every kind; for **apart from the Law sin is dead**.

TO FIND ANY REAL VICTORY OVER SIN. WE NEED TO TRUST THE INDWELLING CHRIST WITH OUR STRUGGLES, WHEREVER THEY BE COVETING, LYING ADULTERY, OR ANY OTHER MORAL ISSUE.

2. **VICTORY IS JESUS PLUS NOTHING**
3. **VICTORY IS KNOWING THAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT THE SOURCE OF OUR MORALITY.**
4. **VICTORY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT THE GOAL OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

II. THE LAW IS A MINISTRY OF DEATH!

2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-10.

7What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except ¹³through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.” ⁸But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died; ¹⁰and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;

III. A FEW THOUGHTS ON DEFINING SIN

A. “WHATEVER IS NOT FROM FAITH [IN JESUS CHRIST] IS SIN”

(ROMANS 14:23).

23But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *his eating is* not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

B. GOD’S WORD GUIDES US INTO ALL TRUTH

C. AND GOD’S SPIRIT LIVING IN OUR HEARTS GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH.

IV. CONCLUSION: JESUS IS ENOUGH!

AS BELIEVERS, WE HAVE DIED TO THE LAW (INCLUDING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS). WHY? SO WE CAN “BEAR FRUIT FOR GOD” (ROM. 7:4). THE LAW, AS PURE AND WHOLE AS IT IS, COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH THIS. UNDER THE LAW, WE EXPERIENCE SINNING “OF EVERY KIND.” ONLY “APART FROM THE LAW” IS SIN DEAD (ROM. 7:8).

AS NEW COVENANT BELIEVERS LIVING ON THIS SIDE OF THE CROSS, WE HAVE JESUS CHRIST DWELLING WITHIN US. JESUS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO INSPIRE US, AND HE IS WORTHY OF OUR TRUST. HE IS OUR LIFE, AND HE IS OUR EVERYTHING.

NEXT WEEK: THE LAW IS WRITTEN ON YOUR HEART (HEBREW 10:16b).