

Sermon Notes

Freedom with Responsibility

Romans 7:1–6

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CONNECT:

- When is a time when you have felt constricted by the law of the land?

GROW:

- Read Romans 7:1-6. When the Apostle Paul talks about Christians being dead to the law, what is he talking about (see verses 4-6)?
- While the ceremonial and civil laws are fulfilled completely in Christ (and no longer necessary because they pointed ahead to His coming), how did Jesus sum up the moral law (10 Commandments and their corollaries) – see Matthew 22:35-40?
- Read through the 10 Commandments – Exodus 20 or Deuteronomy 5. How do these play out in terms of loving God and neighbor? As Jesus affirms the 10 Commandments and points out that they not only include outward behaviors, but the motivations of the heart, what does that have to do with loving God and neighbor (see Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28)?
- What do the 1st and 10th Commandments have to do with the motivations of the heart?
- What do the 10 Commandments demonstrate to us about our own hearts (see Romans 3:20)? How does this work? How does this point us to Jesus?
- How does imposing “extra-biblical” rules directly contradict the command to love God and neighbor (see Matthew 23:23-28)?

GO:

- What are specific ways you can love your neighbor this week?

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