When the Law Meets the Heart

Romans 7:7-13

I. The Law Reveals What's In The Heart (vv. 7-8)

- A. The law is *not* sin
- B. The law *shows* us our sin
- C. The law deals with all sin, including the sin of the *heart*

II. The Law Kills All Who Place Their Trust In It (vv. 9-11)

- A. You thought you were alive, but you were <u>dead</u>
- B. What you thought defended you defeated you
- C. Sin <u>deceived</u> you and killed you

III. The Law Reflects the Nature of the Lawgiver (v. 12)

- A. There are no unholy commandments because God is *holy*
- B. There are no unrighteous commandments because God is *righteous*
- C. There are no evil commandments because God is good

IV. The Law Shows Sin in its True Colors (v. 13)

- A. The *good* law did not bring death
- B. The evilness of sin produced death
- C. The good law reveals sin's sinfulness beyond *measure*

TAKE HOME:

- •Are you using the *goodness* of the law to see sin clearly?
- •Do you ever **blame** the Law for forbidding you to live a certain way?
- •Will you <u>run</u> to Christ today, and every day for the rest of your life?