

Sermon Discussion Questions  
**The Law & Metamorphosis**  
Romans 7:1-12  
March 5, 2017

1. The whole message was on our relationship to the Law of God. God gave us 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17), if you could make 5 law that the whole world had to obey what would they be and why?
  - What would you say is the value of the 10 Commandments today?
2. How did you do on the survey at the beginning of the sermon? What did you put for the second “Agree or Disagree” for the statement, “Maturing in your Christianity is a free gift of God apart from the works of the law.”
  - After the sermon what would you say concerning that statement? Why?
3. Romans 7:4 says that if we are joined “to Him who was raised from the dead” we “might bear fruit for God.”
  - 2 things:
    - (1) What does it mean to be joined to Jesus?
    - (2) Outside of Galatians 5:22-23, are there any other ways we “bear fruit for God”?
4. How have you experienced serving “in the newness of the Spirit” (Romans 7:6)?
5. Your outline said what our responsibility is before God. Do you recall what it was? Is that it? Really, aren’t we responsible to do anything (e.g., go to church, love our neighbor, make disciples, etc.)?
  - If dependency is our only responsibility how does that jive with the guidance the Lord gives us throughout the Bible (like the examples listed above)?
  - Agree or disagree — “Depending on God is easier to talk about than it is to do.” Discuss. How do you avoid depending on yourself and truly depend on God?
6. The commandment of “coveting” (Romans 7:7-8) is the same single sin that Adam and Eve committed in the garden—Adam and Eve coveted the knowledge God had. The single commandment was “You shall not eat...” and God said to Adam and Eve they would die if they ate the fruit. The command was given to preserve their life, but Satan used it as an opportunity to establish a beachhead to arouse their flesh to desire self-sufficiency.
  - How has Satan used God’s desires and guidance (His law or commandments) in your life to twist it and arouse your sinful desires? (for example—God says He will supply all our needs in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19) & Satan will twist it and cause us to doubt that is true. So we seek to meet our “needs” our way)
7. We sang, “Lord I Need You” at the end of the service. Share how you have needed the Lord this past week (or even this day).
  - Read John 14:21, 23. How can we show Jesus we love Him, and live a loving life for Him, while at the same time not being able to keep His Word or commandments on our own strength?