

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 25, 1990

“Sin and the Law”
Romans 7:7-13

Introduction - The greatest news this world has ever heard is that Jesus came into this world to save sinners. Hell is eternal. What good is the law if it cannot free us from sin? We need to look at the law for what it cannot do but for what it has done.

1. The law reveals sin.

The law is for our profit. Praise God for the law. Through it we see ourselves clearly. Here Paul is giving a personal testimony. “I would not have known about coveting if the law had not said, you shall not covet.” The law is the means by which we see our sinfulness.

2. The law aggravates sin.

V. 8, our sin is revealed, it is like opening Pandora’s Box. Sin, sin, sin everywhere we look we see sin in ourselves. We become crushed by the weight of sin.

3. Apart from the law sin is dead.

I was alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came I died, dead in my sin. The law shows you can not save yourself. Once we recognize what the law says we see that we cannot save ourselves (Gal. 3:10).

4. The law provides the opportunity to see the vileness of sin. The law is beautiful, good, holy, and righteous. Study it, meditate on it, value the law.