

The Normal Christian Life

The Meaning and Value of Romans Seven

Our End is God's Beginning

- What does it mean in **everyday life** to be **delivered from the Law**?
 - Deliverance from law **does not mean** that we are free from doing the will of God.
 - Deliverance from law **does not mean** that we are going to be lawless.
 - What it does mean is that **we are free** from doing that will **as of ourselves**.
 - We cease trying to please God from the ground of the old man.
 - We put our trust in the Lord to manifest His resurrection life in us.
- God's requirements have **not altered**, but **we are not the ones to meet them**.
 - He who gave the Law, **Himself keeps it**.
 - As long as we are trying to do **anything**, He can do nothing.
 - We all need to come to the point where we say: "Lord, I am **unable** to do anything for Thee, but I trust Thee to **do everything in me**."
- God is waiting until we are at an **end of our resources** and can do nothing more for ourselves.
 - In man's very efforts to do the will of God he did exactly the **opposite** of what he knew to be His will.

Thank God!

- What is the difference between the **body of sin** and the **body of death**?
 - In regard to **sin** (whatever displeases God) I have a body of sin.
 - In regard to the **Law of God** (that which expresses the will of God) I have a body of death.
- Death is **weakness** produced to its **extremity** – weakness, sickness, death.
 - That we have a body of death in relation to God's will means that we are so **weak in regard to serving God**, that we are reduced to a point of helplessness.
 - **Rom. 7:24** – Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?
 - We must **cry for help** as Paul did, coming to the point where we despair of ourselves.
- Our help is **in Him** who is the object of our Bible-reading and prayer—**Christ**.

- How did we obtain forgiveness of sins?
 - It was not by reading, praying, almsgiving, and so on.
 - It was by **looking to the Cross**, believing in what the Lord Jesus had done.
 - In the matter of deliverance from sin and of doing the will of God we **look to Him in our hearts**.
- The Lord has done **everything** on the **Cross** for our **forgiveness** and He will do **everything** in **us** for our **deliverance**.
- If we do some of the work, then we will get some of the glory; but God must have it all Himself, so He does all the work from beginning to end.
 - All we have to do is say Thank God!

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