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Title: Romans: The Free Gift, Pt 9: “God’s Good Law Reveals and Leads” – Romans 7:7-25

Big Idea: God’s good Law reveals the power of sin and leads us to depend on the power of Christ alone!

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

1. God’s good Law reveals SIN as a POWER within us – Romans 7:7-12

Read Romans 7:7-12. What are some things that Paul says about the Law of God in these verses?

What do the rules of a group and how they are lived out reveal about the rule-givers?

Read Psalm 19:7-11. Based on these verses, what can you learn about God and how He acts from His Law?

Read John 10:10 and John 15:10-11. Based on these verses, why does Jesus give us commandments?

Read Romans 7:7-12 again. Based on these verses, how does sin use God’s Law against us?

Considering the example of Eve in the Garden of Eden (see Genesis 2:16-17, 3:4-5, 3:6), were her desires for good food, delight for her eyes, and wisdom wrong in themselves? If not, then how did Satan use these desires to tempt her?

What does it look like when sin attacks our desires for food, drink, sex, rest, justice, and security?

2. God’s good Law reveals SIN as sinful BEYOND MEASURE – Romans 7:14-23

Read Romans 7:14-23. Do you think this refers to the struggle of a believer or an unbeliever? What do you see in the text that helps you decide?

What do you think is the main point of Romans 7:14-23?

Read Galatians 5:17. This passage is clearly referring to the struggle of a believer. How have you experienced this struggle in your own life?

What are some examples of the “desires of the flesh” compared to the “desires of the Spirit” in different areas of life?

Do you find it encouraging or discouraging to know that believers still struggle with sin? Why do you think God has left us this way on this side of heaven?

3. God's good Law leads us to depend on the POWER OF CHRIST alone – Romans 7:24-25

Read Romans 7:24-25. Based on these verses, do you think a true believer in Jesus can be at peace with their sin? Why or why not?

If we can be true believers in Jesus and still sin, then why should we desperately want to be delivered from our sin?

Romans 7 reveals that the battle between the flesh and Spirit is not one that we can win in our own strength. Sin is sinful beyond measure. Its power is too strong to overcome by mere willpower alone. Does this mean the battle is hopeless? Why not?

Romans 7 is about struggling in our own strength, but Romans 8 is about depending on the power of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Read Romans 8:5-6 and 8:13. In the simplest terms, how do we rely on the Spirit to battle sin? What does this practically look like?

"Next Step" Takeaways – Discuss and pray through the following:

- With God:
 - Turn from sin and turn to God (repent & believe).
 - Commit to daily Bible reading and responding to God ("set your mind").
- With Others:
 - Commit to an accountability friendship in your battle with sin.
 - Confession
 - Intercession.
- On Mission:
 - Get educated on how the battle with sin works and be equipped for the battle.
 - Battling Unbelief by John Piper
 - Pure Desire Conference on May 9-10