

Romans 7:7-14

Introduction: Mr. Schmidt, Ernie, 7-11 man.

Romans 7 one of most important and misunderstood in the Bible.

Vv 7-13 - Pre-Conversion

14-25 - Post-Conversion

Religion of man on the street is self-effort. Every man must make two discoveries as Paul.

I. THE LAW CAN'T BRING LIFE TO A LOST MAN

vv 9-11

1. The purpose of the Law was to reveal sin, not remove it, vs. 7
2. Law can't give POWER to obey
3. Law can't remove sin

Illustration: washing with a mirror  
sawing with a yardstick

I, THE INADEQUACY OF THE LAW

II. THE INWARDNESS OF SIN

"shall not covet" - vs. 7

Jesus in Matt. 5 - "desire not deed."

Illustration: Rich young ruler - Christ showed him he hadn't kept all the commandments.

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III. THE INABILITY OF THE FLESH

"human nature" - v. 14

vs 8, 9 Law provokes sin

"The spirit is willing but flesh is weak".

Romans 8:7

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