

Caught in the Act (Pt. 3)

Romans 7:7-13

- I. God's Moral Law Doesn't Cause Your Sin (7-12).
 - A. The Objection (7a) – Paul's teaching leads to the conclusion that God's law is evil and the cause of sin.
 - B. Paul's Answer (7b-12) – our inherent sinfulness causes our sin.
 1. The Real Purpose of the Law for Unbelievers (7b)
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II. God's Moral Law Doesn't Cause Your Death (13)

A. The Objection (13a) – Paul's teaching leads to the conclusion that God's law causes death.

B. Paul's Answer (13b-c)

1. God's moral law reveals the true nature of our sinfulness (13b).
2. God's moral law reveals the deadly character of our sinfulness (13c)

Summarizing Rom. 7:1-13...

1. God's law is good and is not the cause of your spiritual problems (7:12-13).
2. Attempting to keep God's law will never make you or anyone else right with God (7:5).

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3. Although God's law can't save, it is a crucial part of the gospel message (1:18-3:20).
 - a. It identifies sin (7:7-12).
 - b. It makes our guilt worse by turning our sin into overt rebellion (7:13).
 - c. It legally condemns us as violators of God's law and sentences us to the only appropriate punishment—eternal hell (7:7-11; cf. 2:12-16).
 - d. It condemns us in our own conscience and convinces us that we have no hope of being right with God by our own merit or efforts (7:7-11).
 - e. It points us to Jesus Christ, as the only one who can rescue us from our sin, guilt, death, and hell (Gal. 3:19ff).
4. True followers of Jesus Christ have died to the law (7:1-6).