

Sinful Beyond Measure

Romans 7:7-13

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Romans 7:7-13 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

1. **The Commandments of God** _____ .

2. **God's Law exposes our** _____ .

3. **Our sinful nature** _____ - _____
against God's ways.

4. **Our utter failure to keep the Law reveals our desperation**

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Discussion Questions:

1. What truths stood out to you most from these verses?
2. How do Paul's words about our "sin seizing an opportunity through the Law" compare with your experience with sin and Law?
3. How often do you think about God's Laws being given for our hearts motives and external behaviors?
4. What does it look like in your life to hold the commandment of God as "holy, righteous and good" and still run to the Grace of Jesus?
5. Jesus said in Matthew 5 that He "did not come to abolish the laws of God but to fulfill them." How does this affect you, Christian?
6. How does Paul's use of the Commandment of "You shall not covet" universally indict all of us? What does it reveal in you, personally?

Next Week:
Romans 7:14-25