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“THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD”

Romans Chapter 7

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Chapter 7. Paul continues to expound and explain the dilemma of our earthly existence since we have received Christ. We have the assurance of Salvation while we continue to grow in it. No different than having natural life we grow from infant, to babe, to adolescent, to teenager, to young adult, to full seasoned adult. Just as natural life is a growing process, likewise, is our spiritual life. As Paul stated in another text; “when I was a child I thought and acted as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” This chapter is directed toward the Jew (but relevant to all) to learn how to tear away from the childish things. First you must realize you are no longer a child. And the fantasies of Santa and Easter Bunny are not real and have no power over your life.

Verses 1-3; The Law only applies to the living, not the dead. He uses the illustration of marriage to demonstrate his point. The Law (her prior husband) is dead. Jesus (her new husband is alive) and she is now bound to him

Verses 4-6; It was the Law that made the Jew aware of sin. But through death in Christ, we are freed from the bond of this awareness. We are now aware of Righteousness. You become what you think on. Yet many times it appears we are hopeless in what we think. That is because there is a deeper part of our thinking. (psychology calls it the ‘subconscious’) The change in that subconscious is called “Born Again.” It is an empirical change of Heart. We struggle with Word to explain it. But it is no less real for lack of our expressions.

Verses 7-14; The Law itself is not sin, it is pure and Holy. It simply made us aware of our sin. Then when we became aware of our sin, it became the dominant activity of our minds. “We become what we look upon.” But to think that now that we are Born Again that our actions are of no effect is ludicrous. Before salvation God’s Mercy kept us that we did not reap as we sowed. But Grace brought us to Christ and Grace keeps us in Christ. And Grace grows us in Christ and prepares us to meet Christ. Sin is still sin before Born Again and after Born again. So, the

Law though Dead to us still Warns us of sin. “But he who continues in sin has not been Born Again.

Verses 15-24; The true struggle is rooted in how we rightly order our thoughts that we may proceed in our walk and growth in Christ. Old ways, old theories, old doctrines, produced old behaviors that until God’s Word speaks against them we believe they are right. Then when we hear God’s Word the Old stands to distort what we hear and when Satan interjects with temptation and confusion, we many times go the wrong way even when we are trying our best to go the Right Way. That’s why Paul cries out; “Oh wretched man am I, who will deliver me from this “Body of Sin?”

Verse 25; Thank you God, that now I can understand. The Law is Holy. But the Heart of the Law is the Nature of Christ. For the Greatest Commandment is to Love God, my Brother, my Neighbor and even my Enemy. Jesus is Love. Jesus is Life.