

STAR PROJECT

THE LAW Part B Transcript

We saw in Part A that we are free from the law by the body of Christ and that love fulfills the law. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 13 that love is a fulfillment of the law. Let me explain how that is. The first verse that I want you to look at is ***Romans 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin.***

What does he mean, the law is spiritual? Throughout the Bible, spirit and mind are synonymous so when something is spiritual, it's of the Mind. I want to give you a couple of examples that Jesus gave us in ***Matthew 5: 21 You have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment; (22) But I say unto you That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca. shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.***

The word hell, is "Guyana". Another one is in verse 27: ***(27) Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery;; (28) But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.***

What are we seeing here? We're seeing this outward action of murder. Jesus says that means don't get angry. He just took this physical, literal, murder and put it within the mind.

If you don't even get angry, you'll never commit murder! The same with the adultery. You've been told not to commit adultery. I tell you don't even lust in your heart. **Jesus took that outward action and put it within the human heart.**

Paul says the law is spiritual, and I have learned to recognize that we can take all of this law and put it inward. Now, if I am angry or if I am considering murder, or considering adultery and he says don't even get angry, how do you do that? How do you prevent the anger from happening? Remember: thoughts produce feelings, and feelings move you to action. **So, if you can change that thought that makes you feel angry, you will not follow through and commit murder. If you can change that thought that's causing you to lust, you can change that thought. You will not follow through with adultery.**

Jesus Christ died to redeem us from all iniquity. The thought that leads to the anger, to the murder; that thought is Iniquity. That thought that leads you to lust and commit adultery, that thought is Iniquity. The question is, **how does Christ's death redeem me from iniquity?**

Because by changing that thought, I would act in love toward my enemy!

By changing that thought, (instead of committing adultery) I would be able to act in love toward that person, toward my wife.

It is the thought it needs to be changed, and it is an awareness of love. Walking In Love that will prevent you from sin when we see Christ on the cross. We're aware of the fact Paul said he that knew no sin was made to be sin, so that we might be made the righteousness of God.

How was Jesus made sin? HE NEVER SINNED. How do you take somebody who hasn't sinned and say they're made to be sin? Jesus portrayed on that cross the outward picture of the inward truth of all humanity.

Christ's crown of thorns was a symbol of our guilt- those things that prick your mind. You think about it later and it bothers you. You can't hardly go there thinking what you've done. The stripes on Jesus' back were a symbol of things that have been told us- ways that we have been hurt, that we're just not able to let it go. We're not able to forgive. **The stripes on Jesus' back were not what we deserve it's what has already happened to all of us.** The pain caused by other people; the nakedness is when you expose yourself with your own anger, your own lust, your own ideas.

The darkness that happened -- the land was dark; the sun was blotting out. It is a symbol of our lack of understanding of God. **God is light.** When you're in darkness you don't know God and that is what you're seeing Christ portraying on the cross. **Christ had no guilt but he's wearing a crown of thorns. He forgave everybody.** Remember, **"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do", yet the stripes on his back were a symbol of our unwillingness to do that.** His nakedness, the darkness, - it all portrayed humanity without a knowledge of God.

So, if we're standing at that cross, we see ourselves. We see what we have done to others- the crown of thorns, the guilt, and what others have done to us- the stripes on the back, and we realize that God completely understands us. Just like Christ said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"- we can receive that, too.

When we did what we did, we didn't know what we were doing; we didn't understand it. No different than the soldiers who were killing Jesus, they were all forgiven by Jesus. **If he can forgive them, he can forgive us; and if he has forgiven us, he has forgiven all of us.**

So the anger I'm carrying toward people who have hurt me? **I can let that go and love them!** Once I realize that I am forgiven, that **we are forgiven and I can realize that those problems that you have had in your life from the guilt and the stripes - I don't need to cause any more of it** . I can look at the cross and I can see God forgiving me. I can see God forgiving you and I can also see the things I have caused ,what I've said. What I've said to you- what I've done to

you, and I can realize I don't want to do that anymore I don't want to cause any more pain. I don't want to hurt you anymore. By means of the cross, when he died-- the husband died-- and set the wife free. **But, he also gives you a new covenant.**

That new covenant will allow you to know him and live according to his will. He will give you a new spirit and you can live according to the will of God.

God is love.

**Love (God) does not make a record of sin,
and we are free to live in a freedom from iniquity.**