



Missed It By That Much

Romans 7:1-13

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1. Driver A leaves Atwater at 10:27 a.m. heading south on highway 99 at 65 mph. Driver B leaves Madera at 10:45 a.m. heading north on highway 99 at 63 mph. If driver A stops for gas at the Pilot Travel Center on Avenue 18½, how many MPG is driver B getting?
2. How is “keeping the law” like trying to answer the above question?

The jurisdiction of the law (verses 1-6)

1. How is the law binding on those who are alive?
2. What is the point of Paul’s illustration (verses 2,3)?
3. How does one die to the law through the body of Christ (verse 4)?
4. Once a believer has died to the law how is his or her relationship with the law changed forever?
5. Read Jeremiah 31:31-33. What does it mean to have God’s law within you?

The purpose of the law (verses 7-13)

1. What is not the purpose of the law?
2. What is the purpose of the law?
3. How is “covetousness” a great example of the law doing what it is given to do?
4. Putting question #3 slightly different... how does the commandment that promised life actually prove to be death for Paul and us (verses 10,11)?
5. According to Paul, how is the purpose of the law accomplished in the believer?
6. These days how is the law serving its purpose in your life?

Processing all that...

1. How does the law help us to see areas in our lives that God needs to transform?
2. Consider the statement: *“You can lead a horse to water but you can’t make him drink.”* We see our failure and our need. We see what God offers us. Yet, why does it seem so hard, even knowing our thirst, for us to “drink” of what God offers us?
3. How might what Paul writes here help you to choose to “drink” of what God offers you?

TAKE HOME QUESTION: If you had to pick just one insight from this study that speaks specifically to you, what would it be? Why? How do you plan to respond to it this week?