

Romans: Righteousness Revealed
“A Christian’s Attitude To The Law!”
Romans 7:1-13 (Pg. 786)

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Have you ever wondered what a Christian’s attitude toward the law should be?

A quick review of what Paul has said about the law leading up to Chapter 7:

1. Law reveals sin (3:30)
2. Law condemns the sinner. (3:19)
3. Law defines sin as transgression. (4:15; 5:13)
4. Law brings God’s wrath. (4:15)
5. Law was even “added so that the trespass might increase.” (5:20)

As a result:

1. God’s righteousness is revealed in the Gospel ‘apart from law.’ (1:17; 3:21a)
2. Even though the law helped bear witness to it. (1:2; 3:21b)
3. And sinners are justified by God through faith in Christ, not through obedience to the law. (3:27)

4. Such faith upholds the law by assigning to it, its proper function. (3:31)
 - Abraham himself illustrated this principle, since the way he received God’s promise was “not through law...but through the righteousness that comes by faith.” (4:13)

Paul’s conclusion is that Christian believers are “not under law, but under grace,” (6:14)

Two Attitudes Toward The Law:

1. The attitude of LEGALISM.
(vs 1-6; Rom 6:14; Gal 3:23-25; Col 2:20-23)
Legalism - is a term Christians use to describe a DOCTRINAL POSITION emphasizing a system of RULES and REGULATIONS for achieving both salvation and spiritual growth.
2. The attitude of ANTINOMIANISM.
(vs 1-6; Rom 6:1-2, 23; 8:7; Gal3:21; 1 Peter 2:16)
Antinomianism - Is the view that Christians are RELEASED by grace from the OBLIGATION of OBSERVING the moral law.

So, where do I fall?

Am I more legalistic in my attitude towards Gods moral law?

or

Am I more cavalier with my life because I’m under grace?

