

I AM THE PROBLEM, pt 2.

Rom 7:13-25
Sept 15, 2024

I. OBJECTION/QUESTION — 13a

A. A Break in the Pattern

Question/ Objection	Reference	Question	
		Introductory ?	Main ?
1	6:1	"What shall we say then?"	"Shall we continue to sin that grace may abound?"
2	6:15	"What then?"	"Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?"
3	7:7	"What shall we say then?"	"Is the law sin?"
4	7:13	—	"Has then what is good become death to me?"

B. The Focus of the Question — Is the Relationship Between the Good Thing and Death.

1. The Good Thing Is the Mosaic Law.
2. The Death Is Paul's Personal Spiritual Death.
3. The Relationship: Jews — Mosaic Law — Death.
4. Implications of a Wrong Answer.

II. REFUTATION — 13b

A. Direct Refutation. 13b

B. Proposition — the Law Clarifies What Sin Is. 13b

1. The Law Makes Sin Appear as Sin — the Law Clarifies What Sin Is. 13b
2. The Law Was an Instrument Used by Sin. 13b
3. This Shows How Exceedingly Wicked Sin Is. 13b

III. EXPLANATION — "I" Is the Problem. 14-25

A. The Confession — I Am the Problem, Not the Law, Because I Am Captive To Sin. 14-17

1. Paul's Contrasting Comparison.
 - a) The Comparison — Paul Compares Two Things:
 - b) The Contrast — the Nature of These Two Things.
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5. Paul's Conclusion Concerning Himself. 17

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