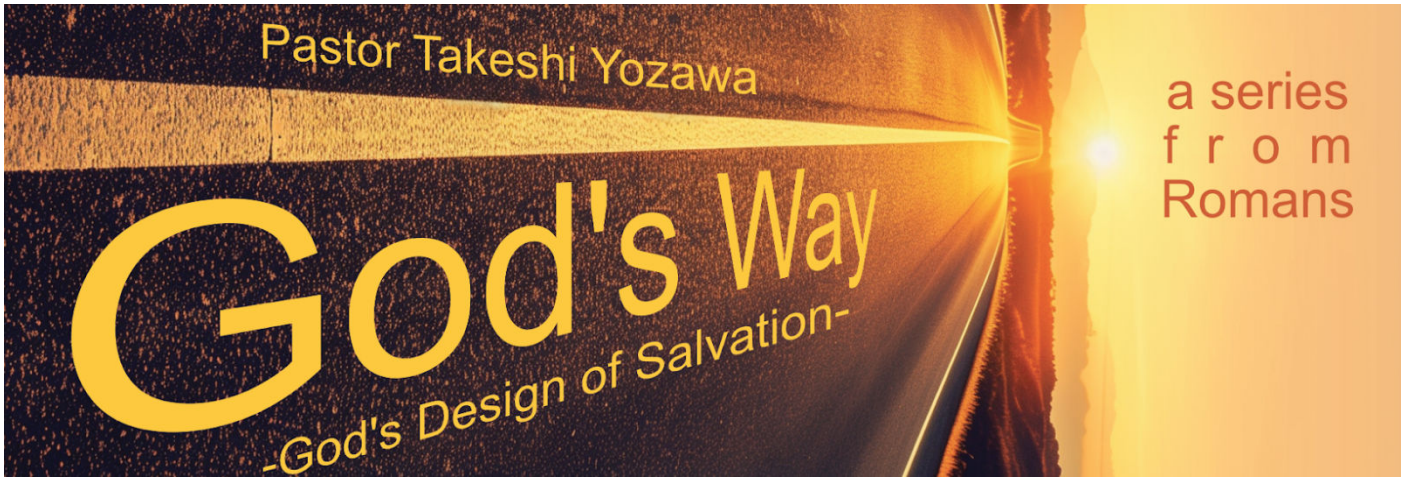
Message Outline



The Role of the Law & the Commandments

Romans 7:7-13

I. Introduction

II. The Role of the Law & the Commandments

Romans 7:7-8 (CSB)

7 What should we say then? Is the law sin? Absolutely not! But I would not have known sin if it were not for the law. For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, **Do not covet.** 8 And sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind. For apart from the law sin is dead.

“You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from any tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.” (Genesis 2:16b-17, CSB)

“Do not covet your neighbor’s house. Do not covet your neighbor’s wife, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” (Exodus 20:17, CSB)

“... everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Matthew 5:28, CSB)

“... it was said …whoever murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment.” (Matthew 5:21-22b, CSB)

Romans 7:9-11 (CSB)

9 Once I was alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life again 10 and I died. The commandment that was meant for life resulted in death for me. 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me.

“God, I thank you that I’m not like other people—greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.” (Luke 18:11b-12, CSB)

“God, have mercy on me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:13b, CSB)

Romans 7:12-13 (CSB)

12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good. 13 Therefore, did what is good become death to me? Absolutely not! But sin, in order to be recognized as sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure.

“Do everything without complaining or arguments.” (Philippians 2:14, NASB)

“Love your enemies.” (Matthew 5:44b, CSB)

“Forgiving one another.” (Ephesians 4:32b, CSB)

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