New England Bible Conference May 7, 2005 Springfield, MA

9:30 to 10: 00 AM Prayer

10:00-10:15 AM Break

Introduction

The earlier three chapters (3, 4, and 5) deal with Justification. Romans 7 is in the midst of a section of the book which might be viewed as a whole, the subject of which is Sanctification (Romans 6,7 and 8). All of the above is God's remedy in grace for the ruin seen in the introduction. Later he deals with relationships, to Israel (9, 10 and 11); to the civil government and to fellow believers.

- Introduction 1-2
- Justification 3-5
- Sanctification 6-8
- Relationship to Israel 9-11
- Dedication 12
- Relationship to Government 13
- Relationships with Believers 14-16

10:15-12:00 Reading I (POSITION)

Romans 6: **The POSITION** of the believer Co-Crucifixion A Historic FACT – I died to sin Know 6.3 – Reckon 6.11 – Yield 6.13

12:00-1:30 PM LUNCH

1:30 – 2:45 PM Reading II (PRACTICE)

Romans 7: The **PRACTICE** of the believer

The Law and It's Role – Romans 7:1-13

Definition: The Law – God's Moral Law – Codified in the Ten Commandments

The Law is: v 12
Holy
Righteous, Just
Good

The Law:

Identifies the "motions of sin" v.5 Gives knowledge of sin v.7

Exposes sin as "exceeding sinful"

The Law was given to the Jews; It had a binding effect (dominion) on those to whom it was given. The body of Christ (Christ in his death – condemned sin in the flesh 8:3) The believer is seen as dying with Christ – This frees him from the bondage of the law. Just as death frees a wife from the obligation of marriage – the believer is free to be married to another – to Christ

Our members under sin identified by the law produces fruit unto death! - v5 Married to Christ enables the believer to bring forth fruit unto God.- v4

The believer's relationship to the a Law:

Delivered from the Law – v6

Causes us to focus on our failures – v 10.14

By new relationships (Married to Christ) the believer serves in the "newness of spirit and not the letter" of the law v6

The Law of God vs. the Law of Sin 7: 8-25

The believer's experience is marked by the conflict between two natures and desires.

The Law of God – appeals to the regenerated man; The desire is to please God to do what is acceptable...

The Law of Sin – The natural responses of the flesh.. The sinful part of us.

The conflict rages as we are more occupied with self.

Victory comes from outside ourselves. O wretched man that I am – brings us to the end of ourselves. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death.

Victory comes from Jesus Christ the Lord.

2:45-3:00 PM Break

3:00-4:00 PM Reading III (POWER)

Romans 8: The POWER of the believer

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus 8.1-2

4:00-4:15 PM Break

4:15-5:00 PM Ministry or Gospel