

Evening Sermon, Sunday, 17 March 2013, Dave Gobbett

Les Miserables

Life under the law

Romans 7:1-25

1. The Law is not in charge (vv1-6)

2. The Law is not to blame (vv7-13)

3. The Law is not enough (vv14-25)

Further Reading:

Jerry Bridges, *Respectable Sins*

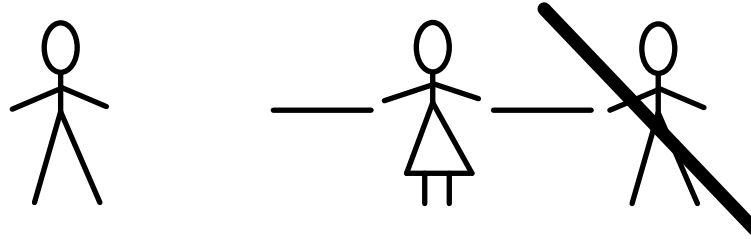
Kevin DeYoung, *The Hole in our Holiness*

Tim Chester, *You Can Change*

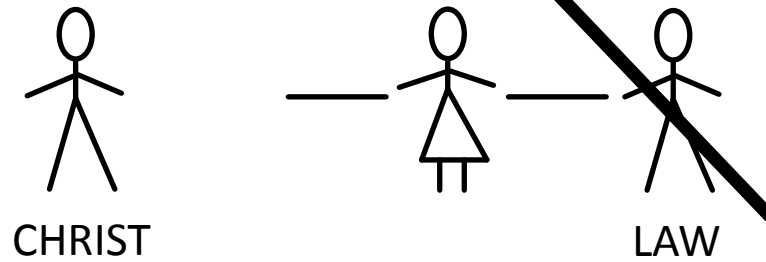
The diagrams referred to by Dave in this sermon appear on the following pages.

Rom 7:1-6

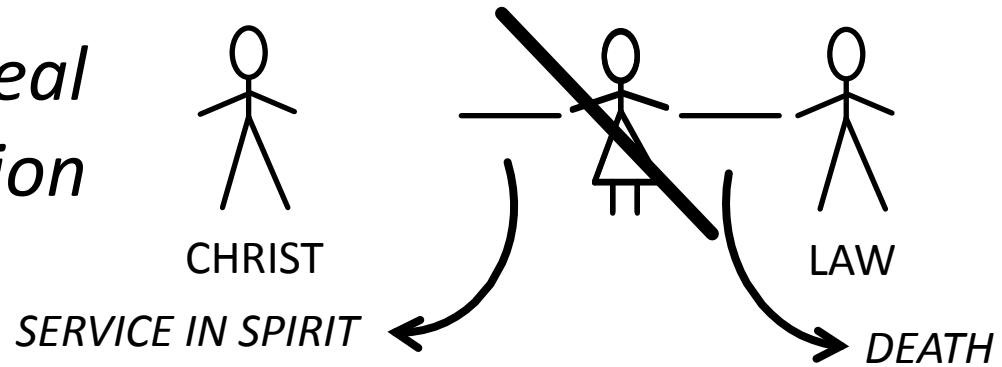
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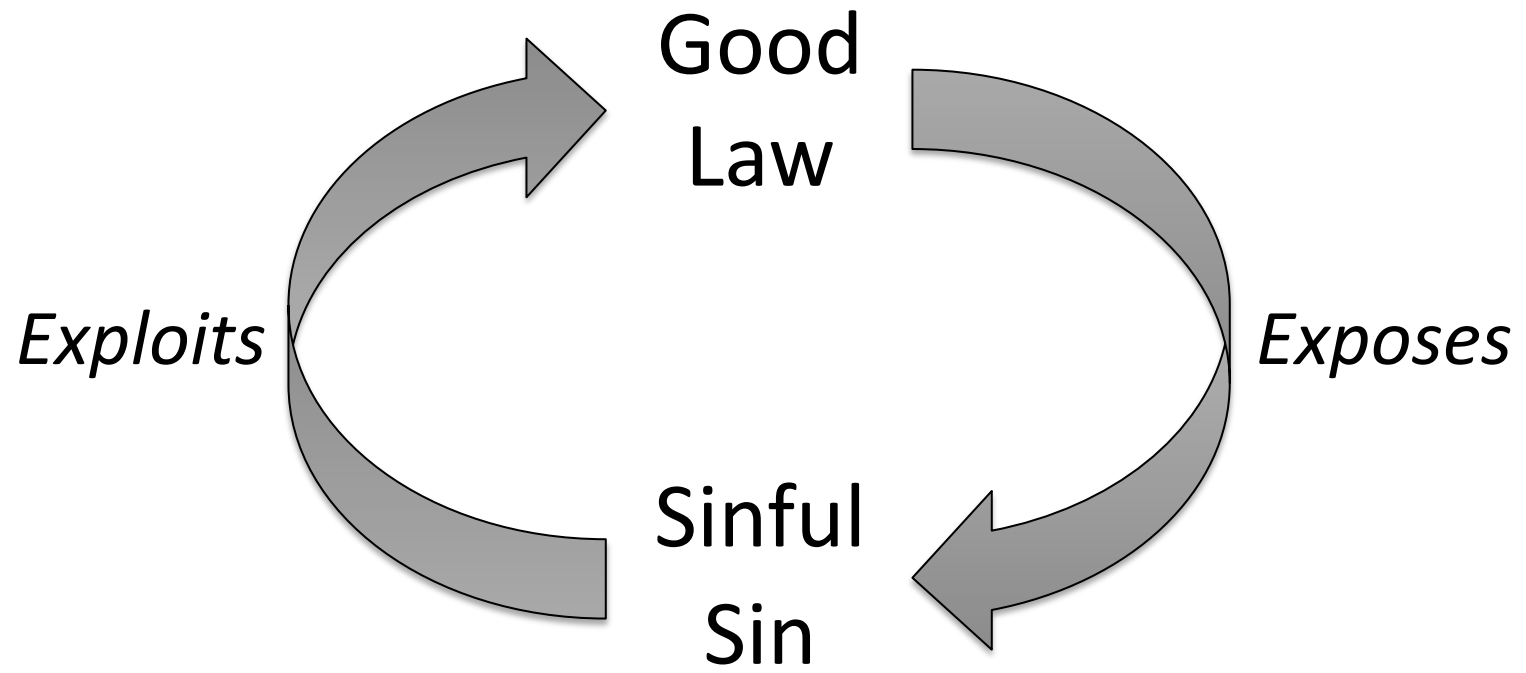
Apparent Application



Real Application



Rom 7:7-13



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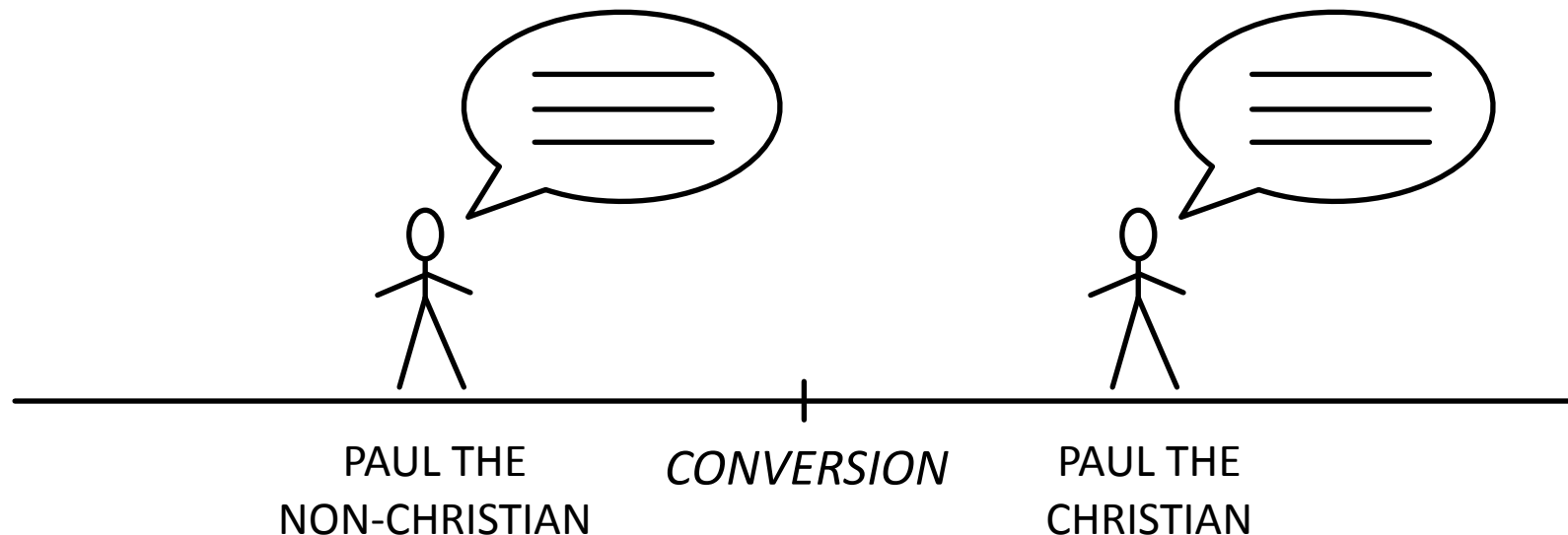
Rom 7:14-25

B. PAUL THE NON-CHRISTIAN?

- Sold as slave to sin (v14), prisoner of law of sin (v23) [Rom 6:18]
- No Holy Spirit
- 7:5 → vv7-25; 7:6 → 8:1-17
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A. PAUL THE CHRISTIAN?

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- Wanting to do good (vv15, 19), delight in God’s law (v22) [Rom 8:7]
- Two “I”s in action
- = Our experience of struggle



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C. PAUL’S CHRISTIAN RETROSPECTIVE?

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prisoner of law of sin (v23)
[Rom 6:18]
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→ *Phil 3:4-6*
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[Rom 8:7]
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→ *Gal 5:16-18*

