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The diagnosis is not the disease

7 What then shall we say? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed, I would not have been mindful of sin if not for the law. For I would not have been aware of coveting if the law had not said, “Do not covet.” 8 But sin, seizing its opportunity through the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from the law, sin is dead.

9 Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. 10 So I discovered that the very commandment that was meant to bring life actually brought death. 11 For sin, seizing its opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through the commandment put me to death.

12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous, and good.

Romans 7:7-12

1. The scan . . . . . **my condition**, v7-8

The Bible is not the . . . . . .
Matthew 5:22, Anyone who says…

The Bible is not the . . . . . .
John 5:39, These are the very words…
Galatians 3:24-25, to lead us to…

Awareness is a . . . . . .
. . . . . -awareness - I am . . . . . .
. . . . . -awareness - He is . . . . . .

2. The diagnosis is . . . . . **the cure**, v9-11

The scanner . . . . . do surgery



3. The hospital is . . . . . , v12
Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis

My prayer priorities for this week

S 22	Jake & Simone, Olivia
M 23	Tam, Bao Duc
T 24	Those who dropped out of church
W 25	Phil & Louise
T 26	Aileen & George
F 27	Ray & Helen
S 28	Joy W
S 29	Steve & Jenni

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Think about a time you ignored a physical symptom, a strange noise in your car, or a warning light on your dashboard because you didn't want to deal with the hassle or the bad news. What finally convinced you to get it checked out? How did it feel once you finally knew what was actually going on?
2. In what ways does God’s Law function like a diagnostic scan for the human soul?
3. Why do you think so many people often resent God’s rules or boundaries rather than the underlying spiritual condition they expose? (Think v8, & Dr Semmelweis.)
4. From v9, how does realizing the true standard of God’s holiness shatter our illusion of spiritual self-sufficiency?
5. Medical scans are designed to save lives, yet receiving the results can feel devastating in the moment. How can an honest, painful diagnosis actually be the first step toward true healing?
6. "The law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good" v12. What does it look like in our daily lives to appreciate and respect God’s Word as "good," even when it convicts us or points out our flaws?
7. Scans can reveal a severe deficiency, but test can actually cure the patient. How does this illustrate the difference between the Old Testament Law (the diagnosis) and Jesus Christ (the cure)?

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