

Session #22: **“DELIVERED FROM THE LAW”**— *Romans 7:1-6*

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Are these verses primarily giving us standards for marriage and divorce, or are they being used as an example of the law? Do you think Jewish or Gentile believers would have the most trouble with this section?
- If the law’s penalty for violating it is death? How was that penalty paid? Do you believe and understand the spiritual reality that we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by? (v.6)
- Also, what is the spiritual reason that this has occurred? (v.6)

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25

1A. OUR **REALIZATION** OF CERTAIN FACTS - ROMANS 6:1-10

2A. OUR **RESPONSIBILITY** TO THESE FACTS - ROMANS 6:11-23

• **3A. OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAW - ROMANS 7:1-25**

“Or do you not know, brethren” - same phrase as 6:3 - The recipients of his remarks are Messianic Jews - *“brethren”* - used 231 times in NT, 109 by Paul, 14 In Romans; the word *“brother”* - 36 times by Paul - *for I speak to those who know the law* – Jews - *“law”* - 523 times; 223 in NT, 148 by Paul of which 78 are in Romans - **23** in chapter 7 alones!

1B. The ILLUSTRATION of marriage - 7:1-6

*Rom 7:1 **Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?***

*Rom 7:2 For the woman who has a husband is **bound by the law to her husband** as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, **she is released from the law of her husband.***

*Rom 7:3 So then **if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law,** so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.*

The Explanation, vs. 1-3; The Application, vs. 4-6; The Present v.6

1C. **The Explanation** - 7:1-3

1D. As to the **duration of the law** - *“the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives”*

1E. The **principle of marriage** - *“till death do us part”* - *“bound by the law (God’s law) to her husband”* - cf. *1 Cor. 7:27, 39a* - It is **God’s law** - *Matt. 19:4-6*

2E. The **permission to remarry** - *“she is released from the law of her husband”* - cf. *1 Cor. 7:39b* She is at liberty to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

EXCEPTIONS: Matthew 5:31-32; 19:9; 1 Cor. 7:15 - the exceptions are God's law - (Deut. 24:1-4) - they do not give us reasons outside of His law, such as "irreconcilable differences"

2D. As to the deliverance from the law - "if the husband dies, she is free from that law of her husband" - v. 3 - "if her husband be dies, she is free from that law"

3D. As to disobedience to the law - 3 - "if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress" - Adultery is more than having sex with a married person who is not your spouse! At its essential core, it is an act of unfaithfulness to God's law - including the issue of divorce. Why is Paul telling us all this? Divorce was rampant in Rome!—so that we can better understand the freedom we have in Jesus Christ!

Rom 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another--to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions (motions, sufferings) which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

Rom 7:6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

2C. **The Application** - 7:4-6 - "Therefore, my brethren...."

1D. **The principle** - "you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ" cf. Col. 1:21-22

"that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead" - cf. Eph. 5:32 -

Note: The law's penalty for violating it is death - the death of the Messiah paid for that penalty, thus breaking the law's power over us - we are now free! - cf. Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:8 We are not under the power and dominion of the law. We might envision "two" Christs in this section-the body of Christ of Christ made sin, and our old man crucified with Him (our history in Adam thus ended before God; and second, Christ raised from the dead! It is this latter Christ to whom we are now vitally united, to Him only!

2D. **The purpose** - "that we should bear fruit to God" - like having a child from your marriage union.

3D. **The past** - "For when we were in the flesh"

1E. The realization of what "were at work in our members" - 5a - "the passions (motions, sufferings) of sins" - Greek: *pathemata* - used of the suffering of Christ - once in Rom. 8:18 - cf. Galatians 5:24; 1 Peter 5:9 - The word speaks of the damage which sin does.

2E. The results that are produced - "to bear fruit to death" - cf. James 1:14-16

3C. **The Present** - "But now" - used 26 times by Paul - cf. Eph. 2:13; 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:19-20; Heb. 8:6; 9:26 In Romans - 3:21; 6:22; 7:6; 16:26

1D. The spiritual reality we must understand and believe "we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by" Christ's sacrifice was sufficient to pay for all the requirements of the law. In the "old days", I thought "I ought to do", now it is, "I delight to do!"

2D. The spiritual reason this has occurred "that we should serve in the newness (freshness) of the Spirit and not in the oldness (wornness, won't work, legalistic) of the letter" (new & old - "fresh" & "worn" - not chronological time). We died to sin, are not under law! We are to present ourselves to Him as "alive from the dead, and our members as instruments of righteousness to God!!! cf. 2 Cor. 2:14-17; 3:5-18; 4:1, 16-18 Let us walk in the freshness of the Spirit, not in the oldness of the letter!!!