

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"Death To The Law"
Romans 7:1-6
Study-18

Philippians 3:6

Romans 6:14 – "For sin shall not be master over you;" Romans 6 – Died to sin.

Romans 6:14 – "for you are not under law but under grace." Romans 7 – Died to the law.

Romans 7:1-6 – Believer's Release From The Law

Romans 7:7-13 – Believer's Revelation Of Law

Romans 7:14-25 – Believer's Conflict Of Law

Romans 6-8 – Sanctification: (Practical) Romans 6 – Victory Over Sin, Romans 7 – Victory Over Law, Romans 8 – Victory Through The Spirit.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Through Jesus' Death, We Are Released From The Law And Joined To Christ So That We Would Bear Fruit To God."

1. Verses 1-3 – Illustration – Of Death To The Law

2. Verses 4-6 – Application – Of Death To The Law

1. Verses 1-3 – Illustration – Of Death To The Law:

Romans 7:1 – "Or do you not know," – Paul just left off with New Incentive: Romans 6:23 – Sinner earns death; Believer by grace through faith receives the gift of salvation.

Paul has been speaking about: How we can live lives of victory, Romans 6.

Romans 6 – Right way to deal with sin.

Romans 7 – The question is "Does the Law help us as believers to handle the problems of sin in our lives?" (Yes and No) Yes, the Law helps us define the problem; No the Law is no help when it comes to delivering us. The Law makes things worse!

"brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law)," – Paul is speaking to his Jewish brothers, who know the law, "any law." Literally, "to those who know law."

Romans 6:14 – "for you are not under law but under grace."

Romans 6 – “Sin” 17X; Romans 7 – “Law” – 23X.

Law – represents self-effort. God’s purpose of the Law was meant to expose mankind as under sin. Man perverts the Law’s purpose and uses the Law as a means to become a saint.

4 Symptoms Of Person’s Under The Law:

1. Being Proud Of One’s Record.
2. Always Critical Of Others.
3. Always Reluctant To Admit Any Error Or Fault In Their Own Lives.
4. Persons Are Subject To Times Of Boredom And Depression, And Even Display Outward Depression, Discouragement And Defeat.

Paul uses a metaphor of marriage to illustrate the relationship of believer to the Law. **A 3-part detail: 1) Marriage Bond, 2) Marriage Bond Dissolved, 3) The Second Marriage.**

Romans 7:2 – “For the married woman (Believer) is bound by law to her husband (Law) while he is living;”

The problem being the Law cannot die. Paul says the Woman dies – Believer died with Christ, Romans 7:4.

“the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?” – Binding on the living; Lifetime.

Only God’s Law concerning salvation goes beyond the grave, Hebrews 9:27.

The theme of Romans 6 is repeated over and over again, “we who died to sin,” Romans 6:2.

Romans 6:14

If we have not received Jesus Christ, we are under law; the jurisdiction of the Law hanging over our head.

Romans 7:2

1) Marriage Bond: “For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living;” – Paul uses the permanence of the bond of marriage to illustrate the permanence of the bond of the law in our lives.

“married woman” – represents the believer; “her husband” – represents the Law.

The permanence of marriage is taught at the very beginning in Scripture, Genesis 2:24.

Jesus Even Quoted The Passage And Stated Its Obvious Meaning: Matthew 19:4-6.

Acts 15:10; Galatians 3:10

No wonder that the frustrated bride that can't meet the demands of the perfect husband lashes out finally – Romans 7:5.

2) The Bond Dissolved: “but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.” – The only way to be free from the requirements of the Law is death.

Romans 7:3 – “while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress;” – the commitment in marriage is to remain.

Matthew 19:9; Mark 10:12

3) The Second Marriage: “but if her husband dies, she is free from the law,” – Romans 6:1.

2. Verses 4-6 – Application – Of Death To The Law:

Romans 7:4 – “Therefore,” – Death releases one from the requirements.

“you also were made to die to the Law” – The Mosaic Law; we have died to sin's penalty, but also to the Law as a rule to life; Not made holy through following the Law, 1 Corinthians 9:21.

“through the body of Christ,” – Jesus took our sin (penalty) and we had the requirement of the law met through the death of Jesus Christ for us.

“so that you might be joined to another,” – Jesus Christ, 2 Corinthians 11:2.

“to Him who was raised from the dead,” – through Christ's death, we died to sin, but also we now have His resurrection power, Galatians 2:19-20.

Purpose Of Being Joined To Jesus: “in order that we might bear fruit for God.” – Holiness, Ephesians 2:10.

Romans 7:5

1) Marriage Bond: "For while we were in the flesh," – to life without God.

"the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law," – The law cannot make us obey, and it cannot make us good. All the law does is incite us to want to break it.

"were at work (Energy) in the members of our body"

"to bear fruit for death." – Romans 6:23

Romans 7:6

2) The Bond Dissolved: "we have been released from the Law, having died to that" – made possible through death, Galatians 3:13.

3) The Second Marriage: "so that we serve in newness of the Spirit" – Romans 8.

"and not in oldness of the letter." – 2 Corinthians 3:5-6

Application:

1) Marriage Bond – Persons Who Are Married To The Law (Law As A Means To justification, Becoming Holy) Are In For A Miserable Marriage And Existence. The Law Won't Bend, The Law Is Perfect, Always Right, Demanding, And All-Encompassing. The Law Leads To Despair Because Of Our Own Inability To Be Perfect.

2) The Bond Dissolved – "We Have Been Released From The Law, Having Died To That By Which We Were Bound." This Is Made Possible Through Christ's Death, Not The Law's Death, Releasing Us From The Moral, Spiritual Liabilities And Penalties Under God's Law.

3) The Second Marriage – Now We Can Serve In Newness Of The Spirit Because Of Our New Relationship With God. We Love The Law, We See The Law As God's Revealed Will For Our Lives. We Want To Obey So As To Bear Fruit And Glorify God.