



The Believer's Freedom from the Law (pt. 2)

Romans 7:1-6

I. The Principle of Law (v. 1)

- A. The _____ of law in general (Rom. 5:20; 6:1, 6-7, 14-15)
1. We _____ to sin (Rom. 6:1-2)
 2. We have been _____ into Christ (Rom. 6:3-4)
 3. We have a resurrected _____ (Rom. 6:5)
 4. We have a new _____ (Rom. 6:6-15)
 5. We have a new _____ (Rom. 6:16-23)
- B. The law of _____ (Rom. 2:12, 17, 23, 27; 3:19-21; 4:13-14; 5:13, 20; 6:14, 15)
- C. The law of _____ and death (Rom. 6:23; 8:1-2)

II. The Illustration of Marriage (vv. 2-3)

- A. A married woman is bound by _____ to her husband (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 5:31-32; 19:1-9; 1 Cor. 7:10-15)
- B. A married woman will be called and _____ if she lives with another man while her husband is alive (Matt. 5:32; 19:9; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)
- C. A wife is free to enter into another _____ only if her husband dies (1 Cor. 7:39; 1 Tim 5:14; Eph. 5:31-33; 2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7-9)

III. The Application to a Believer's Life (vv. 4-6)

- A. In Christ, you are free to belong to _____, and to bear the fruit of life (v. 4) [Rom. 8:1-2; Gal. 2:19; 5:18; Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14; Jn. 15:5; Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 8:4]
- B. Before Christ, your sinful passions were _____ by the law, and you bore the fruit of death (v. 5) [Rom. 5:20; Psa. 1:1-2; 119:97]
- C. Now, released from the law, you can serve in the _____ way of the Spirit (v. 6) [2 Cor. 3:5-6; Jer. 31:31-33; Ezek. 36:26-27; Rom. 2:27, 29;]
1. The Old Covenant makes _____ you can't keep; the New Covenant gives you _____ that you can follow
 2. The Old Covenant was written on _____; the New Covenant is written on your _____
 3. The Old Covenant requires _____ and _____; the New Covenant, through the blood of Jesus, provides _____ and _____

TAKE HOME:

- What is the difference between _____ under the law and serving in the Spirit?
- Why can't the law produce the _____ that God desires in believers?
- How does the _____ Covenant change a believer's relationship to God's law?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. What does it mean to be "dead to the law" according to Romans 7:1-6, and how does this impact a believer's relationship with God? (Gal. 2:19)
2. How does Paul use the illustration of marriage in Romans 7:2-3 to explain the believer's freedom from the law? (1 Cor. 7:39)
3. In what ways does the law "arouse sinful passions" in those who are not in Christ, and how does this change after salvation? (Rom. 5:20)
4. Compare and contrast the Old Covenant and the New Covenant as described in Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Ezekiel 36:26-27. What are the main differences?
5. How does Romans 8:1-2 describe the believer's new position in Christ, and what practical effects does this have on daily living?
6. According to Galatians 5:22-23, what is the "fruit of the Spirit," and why can the law not produce this fruit?
7. What does 2 Corinthians 3:5-6 teach about serving in the "new way of the Spirit" versus the "old way of the letter"? How does this relate to our sufficiency in serving God?
8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

"The Law did not die, because God's Law still rules over men. We died to the Law, and it no longer has dominion over us. But we are not lawless; we are united to Christ, sharing His life, and thus walking in newness of life."

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*