

# **The Believer's Freedom from the Law**

## **(pt. 3)**

**Romans 7:1-6**

# I. The Principle of Law (v. 1)

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

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

- A. In Christ, you are free to belong to *another*, and to bear the fruit of life
- B. Before Christ, your sinful passions were *aroused* by the law, and you bore the fruit of death
- C. Now, released from the law, you can serve in the *new* way of the Spirit

# Three Differences between the OC and NC

1. The Old Covenant makes *demands* you can't keep; the New Covenant gives you *desires* that you can follow
  - a) The Old Covenant was *originally* given to Israel by Moses at Mt. Sinai
  - b) The 10 Commandments are the *heart* of the Old Covenant, which God made with Israel

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1. The Old Covenant makes *demands* you can't keep; the New Covenant gives you *desires* that you can follow
  - c) There is only one problem—Israel *cannot* keep all the commandments
  - d) In Christ, we are no longer under this covenant of Law, but rather we are under *grace*

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2. The Old Covenant was written on **stone**; the New Covenant is written on your **heart**
  - a) Moses received the Old Covenant as it was written on **stone**
  - b) God's commands in the Old Covenant were engraved in stone and were **holy**, righteous, and unchanging in their character and in their purpose

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2. The Old Covenant was written on stone; the New Covenant is written on your heart
  - c) But they stood outside the people and only condemned the Israelites when the commandments were broken
  - d) The Law shows us God's standard but cannot give us the power to keep it
  - e) God's law in the New Covenant is written on the heart



# Three Differences between the OC and NC

3. The Old Covenant requires *punishment* and *penalty*; the New Covenant, through the blood of Jesus, provides *forgiveness* and *freedom*
  - a) The Old Covenant was a covenant of *death*
  - b) The New Covenant is a covenant of *life*

# TAKE HOME:

- How does understanding the difference between the Old Covenant's external rules and the New Covenant's internal transformation *change* the way you approach obedience to God in your daily life?
- In what ways can you focus more on knowing and *loving* Jesus, rather than simply following a list of religious “do's and don'ts”?
- How can you rely on the *Holy Spirit* to guide and empower you to bear spiritual fruit, rather than trying to please God through your own efforts?