

ROMANS: PART 35
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Released From The Law
Romans 7: 1-6

Outline Of Romans 7

1. Our **release** from the Law (through Justification). Rom 7:1-6.
2. A **defense** of the Law. (It is Holy). Rom 7:7-13.
3. The **weakness** of the Law (in Sanctification). Rom 7:14-25.

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1. **Principle:** Vs 1.
 - ◆ The Law is binding on a person only while he lives.
 - ◆ Death annuls its authority.
2. **Illustration** of Marriage: Vs 2-3.
 - ◆ By Law, a wife is bound to her husband while he lives.
 - ◆ Only if he *dies*, is she free to remarry.
 - ◆ Death *terminates* her legal obligation to him.
3. **Application.** You died to the Law: Vs 4.
 - ◆ You died to the Law (Cf. 6:2) through union with Christ (Cf. 6:3,4)
 - ◆ *You died, not the Law!*
 - ◆ You rose so that you might be legally remarried to Christ.
 - ◆ Cf. Gal 4:4-7.
4. **Why** it was necessary to end your legal marriage to Law. Vs 5. (It was a *bad* marriage!)
 - ◆ When you were under Law (lost) -- the flesh *controlled* you -- you *never* bore fruit.
 - ◆ Under your old relationship to Law your sinful passions were agitated by the Law.
 - ◆ Under your old relationship to Law you served only in letter (external & legalistic).
 - ◆ Under your old relationship to Law you only bore *sinful fruit* that led to death.
5. **Why** it was necessary to be legally remarried to Christ: Vs 6. (You needed a *good* marriage!)
 - ◆ Thru union w/ Christ you died to the Law's dominion (which couldn't justify or sanctify)
 - ◆ Thru union w/ Christ you serve thru the Spirit (internal/external & motivated by love).
 - ◆ Thru union w/ Christ you bear fruit unto God. Holiness!

Application.

1. **Grow in Joy!** Though the Law couldn't sanctify you, Christ (thru the Spirit) *can & will* sanctify
2. **Grow in true holiness!** Stop seeking morality & seek spirituality.
3. **Grow in fellowship!** All of His children bear fruit, whether or not it meets your approval.
 - ◆ Put Aside your attempt to know God through Law & call upon Christ.