

ROMANS 25 – 7:1-6

Delivered from the Law

1. 7:1

- a. Justification (righteousness) in 3-5; Sanctification (identification) in 5-8.
- b. Sin on a person (ch. 5); sin over a person (ch. 6); sin in a person (ch. 7)
- c. Sting of death (5) is sin (6), strength of sin is the law(7) - 1 Cor 15:56-57
- d. *"to them that know the law"* – mainly Jews, maybe some Gentiles – Acts 15:21
- e. Remember, Paul addresses a mixed crowd - 1:16, 2:17, 3:1, 4:12-16, 5:20, 9:3, 10:1
- f. *"as long as he lives"* – 'til death do us part – Deut 25:5-10, Mark 10:11-12
- g. We are not under the law – Rom 2:14, 5:13, 6:14, Eph 2:12

2. 7:2-4

- a. This is the same restatement of the law we see in 1 Cor 7:39
- b. *"dead to the law"* – which means the law was their schoolmaster – Gal 3:24
- c. *"body of Christ"* – The physical body that died in Rom 6:3, 9-10; also Heb 9:15
- d. Marriage = two become one; is an illustration, a figure, a metaphor; - Col 2:17
- e. There are two such unions: 1) Israel's covenant; 2) Christ and the church
- f. Israel's marriage contract - Jer 2:2, 3:1, 7-8, 14, 20; Jer 31:32, Isa 54:5-6; Rev 21:9
- g. You are not a Bride of Christ; you are his body – Eph 5:30-32
- h. *"fruit unto God"* – the function is not to sin, but to bring fruit unto God – Eph 1:12
- i. The spiritual application: our old man died, we are now one in Christ

3. 7:5-6

- a. *"we were in the flesh"* – the old man; we were Gentiles strangers from the law
- b. *"motions of sins, ... by the law"* – The law excited sin - Rom 3:19-20, 5:20
- c. *"fruit unto death"* - the death of Rom 7:4 that comes as a result of sin in us
- d. *"delivered from the law"* – delivered not by excuse, escape, but through death
- e. Paul rebuked Peter also about being his being dead through the law - Gal 2:14-20

4. 7:6

- a. *"we serve"* – which is the function of us being sanctified and in Christ
- b. *"newness of spirit"* – the knowledge of who we are in Christ – Eph 4:23-24
- c. *"oldness of the letter"* – of the law; which makes Paul an able minister 2 Cor 3:6
- d. The law brought forth death, they needed a new testament – 2 Cor 3:7-8
- e. The Spirit came at Pentecost to give them something better, then it all changed.
- f. There are different ministries of the Spirit: prophecy (John), and mystery (Paul)
- g. We are not justified by the law (ch 4), we are not sanctified by the law (ch 7)
- h. The law is weak and beggarly and keeps us bound, be free from it! – Gal 4:1-10
- i. Stand fast in the liberty from death (5), sin (6), and the law (7) – Gal 5:1