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“Free to Belong to Christ”
Romans 7:1-6

- I. The law only has **mastery** over those who are **alive** to it – v. 1.
- II. Marriage is a perfect example, where **remarriage** is only an option following the death of a spouse – vv. 2-3.
 - A. A married person is bound by law to his **spouse** as long as she is alive
 - B. Joining another person while the original **spouse** is still alive is considered **adultery** by God.
 - C. Death of one’s spouse releases him from the marital **covenant**.
- III. As **dead** to the mastery of the law, believers can freely bear fruit to God – vv. 4-6.
 - A. Believers are **dead** to the law through Jesus
 - B. Believers can be **joined** to Jesus to bear fruit to God
 - C. Under law’s dominion, people’s bodies were **enslaved** and death was the fruit of their labors
 - D. Dead to the law, the believers are **enabled** to serve in the Spirit.

The Big Idea: Dead to the **control** of the law, we are **free** and **able** to serve in the Spirit.