



TRANSFORMED

BY THE RENEWING

OR DO YOU NOT KNOW, BROTHERS—FOR I AM SPEAKING TO THOSE WHO KNOW THE LAW—THAT THE LAW IS BINDING ON A PERSON ONLY AS LONG AS HE LIVES? ² FOR A MARRIED WOMAN IS BOUND BY LAW TO HER HUSBAND WHILE HE LIVES, BUT IF HER HUSBAND DIES SHE IS **RELEASED** FROM THE LAW OF MARRIAGE. ³ ACCORDINGLY, SHE WILL BE CALLED AN ADULTERESS IF SHE LIVES WITH ANOTHER MAN WHILE HER HUSBAND IS ALIVE. BUT IF HER **HUSBAND DIES, SHE IS FREE FROM THAT LAW**, AND IF SHE MARRIES ANOTHER MAN SHE IS NOT AN ADULTERESS.

⁴ LIKEWISE, MY BROTHERS, YOU ALSO **HAVE DIED TO THE LAW THROUGH THE BODY OF CHRIST**, SO THAT YOU MAY **BELONG TO ANOTHER**, TO **HIM** WHO HAS BEEN **RAISED FROM THE DEAD**, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY **BEAR FRUIT FOR GOD**. ⁵ FOR WHILE WE WERE LIVING IN THE FLESH, OUR SINFUL PASSIONS, AROUSED BY THE LAW, **WERE AT WORK IN OUR MEMBERS TO BEAR FRUIT FOR DEATH**. ⁶ BUT NOW WE ARE **RELEASED** FROM THE LAW, HAVING DIED TO THAT WHICH HELD US CAPTIVE, SO THAT **WE SERVE IN THE NEW WAY OF THE SPIRIT** AND NOT IN THE OLD WAY OF THE WRITTEN CODE.

⁷ WHAT THEN SHALL WE SAY? **THAT THE LAW IS SIN? BY NO MEANS!** YET IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE LAW, I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN SIN. FOR I WOULD NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT IT IS TO COVET IF THE LAW HAD NOT SAID, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.” ⁸ **BUT SIN, SEIZING AN OPPORTUNITY THROUGH THE COMMANDMENT,** PRODUCED IN ME ALL KINDS OF COVETOUSNESS. FOR APART FROM THE LAW, **SIN LIES DEAD.** ⁹ I WAS ONCE ALIVE APART FROM THE LAW, BUT WHEN THE COMMANDMENT CAME, **SIN CAME ALIVE AND I DIED.** ¹⁰ THE VERY COMMANDMENT THAT PROMISED LIFE PROVED TO BE DEATH TO ME.

¹¹ **FOR SIN, SEIZING AN OPPORTUNITY THROUGH THE
COMMANDMENT, DECEIVED ME AND THROUGH IT KILLED
ME.** ¹² SO THE LAW IS HOLY, AND THE COMMANDMENT IS
HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS AND GOOD. ¹³ DID THAT WHICH IS
GOOD, THEN, **BRING DEATH TO ME?** BY NO MEANS! **IT WAS
SIN, PRODUCING DEATH IN ME** THROUGH WHAT IS GOOD, IN
ORDER THAT SIN MIGHT BE SHOWN TO BE SIN, AND
THROUGH THE COMMANDMENT MIGHT BECOME SINFUL
BEYOND MEASURE.

ROMANS 7:1-13 ESV

THE LAW

1. *You shall have no other gods before Me* **Loyalty**
2. *You shall not make idols* **Imagers**
3. *You shall not take the Lord's name in vain* **Honor**
4. *Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy* **Rest**
5. *Honor your father and mother* **Respect**
6. *You shall not murder* **Life**
7. *You shall not commit adultery* **Faithfulness**
8. *You shall not steal* **Integrity**
9. *You shall not bear false witness* **Truth**
10. *You shall not covet* **Contentment**

RELEASE

The Old Arrangement Could Expose Sin But Not Heal It

REVELATION

The Law Exposes the Survival Self

EXPOSURE

Sin Uses Even Good Things to Keep Humanity Bound