

# Married to Christ

May 7, 2023

**Text:** Romans 6:20-7:6

## Introduction:

### Are you married to THE LAW or to GRACE?

**Big Idea:** The law is like an unhealthy and bad marriage (union) that leads to \_\_\_\_\_. Salvation through Jesus (the free gift of God in Christ Jesus) is the perfect marriage (union) that leads to \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

#### 1. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ “married” [in union] to the Law (1-4a)

The Purpose of the Law:

- To reveal the holy \_\_\_\_\_ of the eternal God (Leviticus 19:2; 20:7–8)
- To restrain some \_\_\_\_\_ - (Romans 2)
- To reveal the sinfulness of man (Galatians 3:19)
- The Law was good and holy (Romans 7:12)
- The Law did not provide \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 3:20)

#### 2. When a person becomes a Christian they are “married” [joined in union] to Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ for God (4b-6)

- 2 Corinthians 3:5-6

THE NEW WAY or The New Covenant  
(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

-Vs. 33 The decisive thing about the Law will no longer be that it is a demand from outside, but it **will be a \_\_\_\_\_ from inside**

-Vs. 34a Knowing God will not be an external command so much as an \_\_\_\_\_ **experience**.

-Vs. 34b God provides a way to wipe all our sins away, gives us an experience of personally knowing him, and writes the Law on our heart **so that we live to \_\_\_\_\_ him**.

- Ezekiel 11:19-20
- Ezekiel 36:26-27

#### Truth Into Action:

- Knowing that this “union to Christ” is key—Have you been married to Christ through salvation? **If not, you can today.**
- Underneath the life of a believer is the massive foundation of the blood of Christ – **Never forget that our life is blood-bought.**
- The Law's condemnation and demand for perfection have been satisfied for all who are in Christ, and you are forgiven. **Preach this to yourself this week when Satan assails you with accusations.**

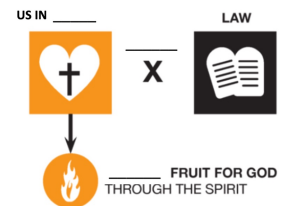
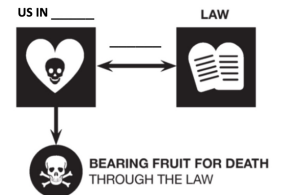
EXAMPLE



THE OLD WAY

THE NEW WAY

REALITY



## Connect Card:

- *How do you think it would feel to live under grace instead of the law?*
- How may we help & pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

## Table Talk

Warm Up: How do you typically respond when someone tells you “no”?

### Application Questions

1. Some folks seem quite happy in their sin. Does this contradict the teaching that sin results in destruction, whereas holiness results in blessing and peace? Why not? See Psalm 73.
2. Will we ever be free from the tug of sin in this life? What does a life of consistent victory over sin look like? Describe it.
3. Which of God’s laws do you personally struggle most not to rebel against?
4. In what ways has God’s grace changed some behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs in your life as He patiently and kindly walked you through a change process?
5. Why is it important that we respect God’s order of right and wrong in our life, family, church, and community?

**Closing Prayer:** Thank you Jesus for shedding your blood so that I can be in union with you. Help me to live keenly aware of my identity.