

DEAD & DELIVERED FROM THE LAW

{Romans 7:1-6}

Opening Observations on Romans 7:

- 1) Romans 7 centers around the believer's daily walk and his / her relationship to the _____ as an expansion of _____.
- 2) The context of Romans 7 is not referring to _____ before God {spiritual birth; salvation 1st tense} but to _____ in time {spiritual growth; salvation 2nd tense}.
- 3) Paul sees God's plan for you as a believer in 3 stages / phases / tenses: _____ before God with eternal security {3:21-5:21}, _____ {6:1-8:17}, and _____ {8:17-39}.
- 4) Thematically, the reader moves in Romans 6-8 regarding SANCTIFICATION from ...
 - _____ SANCTIFICATION {6:1-10} filled with indicatives / facts of the believer's union or position in Christ and freedom from the sin nature's right or authority to rule as a master in his / her life any longer to ...
 - _____ SANCTIFICATION {6:11-14} with 4 imperatives / commands including to reckon by faith the truth of the believer being dead to the sin nature and alive to God in Christ Jesus the Lord, resulting in their 2 options in ...
 - _____ SANCTIFICATION {6:15-23} which includes either to daily present / yield yourself to the sin nature or to present / yield to your Lord, with a strong encouragement for the latter choice (6:15-23). In contrast, there is ...
 - _____ SANCTIFICATION {7:1-25} when the Christian life is attempted by a legalistic approach through self-effort & sheer willpower which leads to personal frustration & spiritual defeat in spite of the believer's new relationship to the Law. The next section ends with ...
 - _____ SANCTIFICATION {8:1-17} which stresses one's position & freedom in Christ along with utilizing the supernatural power of the indwelling Holy Spirit by faith to enjoy practical righteousness produced in the believer's spiritual walk and growth.

A. The Believer in Christ's PRESENT RELATIONSHIP to the LAW *Positionally*. {7:1-6}

1. The *addressed* are called _____ {plural}- referring to brothers and sisters in Christ and fellow-members in the family of God. {7:1a} Why is this important to note?
2. The *assertion*... "*Or do you not know ... that the law has dominion over* {epi – over as a governing authority} *a man as long as* {chronologically} *he* {physically} *lives?*" (7:1b) Paul appeals to these believers past or present _____ of law to set forth a basic principle he is illustrating. The basic principle being emphasized in verse 1 is simply that: _____."
3. The *analogy*. {7:2-3}
 - a. This illustration involves a _____.
 - b. Paul states: *For the woman who has a husband is* _____ {obligated legally to him with certain responsibilities} *by the* _____ {legal marriage} *to her husband as long as he lives. But if* {3rd} *the husband* _____, *she is* {then} _____ {6:6, which is referring to the person under one's authority} *from the* _____ {the legal authority} *of her husband. ³So then if* {3rd},

while her husband _____, she {illegally} *marries another man*, she will be called {legally declared} *an adulteress* {sexually unfaithful to her legal marriage vows}; *but if* {3rd} *her husband* _____, *she is* _____ {presently is released & is no longer obligated} *that* {prior} _____ {legal relationship & obligation to her first husband}, *so that she is NO ADULTRESS* {because her husband has died}, *though she has married* {legally} *another* {a different} *man*.

4. The *applications*. {7:4-6}

a. The **1st point of application**: Every believer has _____ {with Christ} **to the** _____ {every part of it as a governing authority with its legal obligations & responsibilities in your sanctification & Christian life} **so they are not legally obligated to obey it as a governing authority.** {7:4a}

1) The **position**: “*Therefore* {introduces some applications or the point of the illustration}, *my brethren* {plural - in reference to all believers}, *you also* {like the woman in the illustration} *have become* _____ {positionally} **to the** {Mosaic} *law* {in its entirety as it is an indivisible unit} *through* {by means of} *the* {physical} _____ {which was crucified and we died with Him} *of* _____.” {7:4a} The word “body” through Romans 4-8 seems to be in reference to a physical body. Does the Law have any claim on Jesus Christ or on the believer who died with Him? _____!

2) The **positional purpose** of Christ’s death {and ours} **in relationship to the Law**: *that* {preposition of purpose} *you* {all believers died with Christ to the Law that you} *may be* _____ {your present & permanent position or relationship} **to another** – {exactly who?} - **to Him** {the Lord Jesus Christ} *who was raised from the dead* (and so were you – Rom. 6:4-5, 8-10) {7:4b}

3) The **practical purpose** of the believer’s past death {with Christ} **to the Law and present marriage to Jesus Christ conditionally**: *that* {introduces a purpose clause} *we* {all believers} _____ {intended purpose but not guaranteed result} _____ {conditionally – observe, not “produce” but “bear” fruit – John 15:4-5} _____ {to His glory – John 15:8}. {7:4c}

b. The **2nd point of application**: Every believer has been _____ from _____ {every part of it & its legal obligations & responsibilities in their sanctification and Christian life} **so they are not legally obligated to obey it as a governing authority.**

1) The **pre-salvation provocation by the Law**. {7:5}: **For when we were in the flesh** {our pre-salvation days when we were positionally under the governing authority of the sin nature as our master}, **the sinful passions** {the passions of the sin nature} **which** _____ {aroused, provoked} **by** {means of} _____ {with its commands & prohibitions} **were at work** {or active} **in our members** {bodily members – 6:12-13} **to** {eis – introduces purpose} **bear fruit to** {resulting in} _____ {an ongoing spiritual death in Adam}.

2) The **post-salvation position / relationship to the Law**. {7:6a} **But** {in contrast to the pre-salvation days} **now** {positioned in Christ} **we** _____ {katergeo – to be delivered or released by God - aorist, passive, indicative} **from the** {Mosaic} _____, {positionally, how?} **having** _____ {with Christ, breaking all prior obligations} **to what we were held by** {to the Law or sin nature}.

3) The **practical purpose** of deliverance from the Law **conditionally**. {7:6b}: *so that we* {all believers} _____ {conditionally - intended purpose but not guaranteed result – how should we serve the Lord?} **in the newness** {in quality} **of the** {Holy} _____ **and not in the oldness** {contrary to ‘newness’} **of the letter** {the Law}. How does this apply to you?