



THE LIFE-CYCLE OF A CHRISTIAN HOME
PART FOUR: WIDOWHOOD AND THE GOSPEL

Romans 7:1-6

1. _____ through Death

As a spouse is liberated from the law of marriage when their partner has passed away, so, through the death of Christ, the believer is no longer bound to the law that condemns. In Christ we have died and are freed from the former regulations.

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. ~ Acts 13:38-39

2. _____ unto Christ

A man or woman is not free to marry another so long as the marriage covenant is still in force. But once that bond is dissolved through death, the believer is joyfully united to the One who has died and risen again.

...and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith. ~ Philippians 3:9

3. _____ for God

A marriage is meant to be fruitful and such was our union to sin—being fruitful for death. Now, because we have died in Christ and are bound to Christ we can bear fruit for God through our union with Christ.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ~ John 15:5

JOHN 12:24

TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS INTO THE EARTH AND DIES, IT REMAINS ALONE; BUT IF IT DIES, IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT.



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Additional Scripture References
(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Hebrews 2:9

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 6:14

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

2 Corinthians 11:2

For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Colossians 3:3

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Romans 6:5

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Genesis 1:28a

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it."

Matthew 7:16

You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Philippians 1:9-11

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.