

ROMANS 7:1-6

FROM BONDAGE TO BELONGING

BOUND BY THE LAW (Read Romans 7:1-3)

- What is the law Paul speaks of, and why is it only binding while a person is alive?
- Why and how does Paul use marriage as an analogy to explain the believer's relationship to the law? (Galatians 3:23-25)
- Why is the law powerless to save or produce true righteousness?

UNITED WITH CHRIST (Romans 7:4)

- What does it mean to die to the law through the body of Christ?
- How are believers united with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection? (Galatians 2:19-20)
- How does belonging to Christ transform our identity and enable us to bear fruit for God? If our belonging has shifted from law to Christ, how should this change the way we measure spiritual growth?

SERVE IN THE SPIRIT (Read Romans 7:5-6)

- What does it mean that sinful passions were aroused by the law to bear fruit for death?
- How is serving in the "new way of the Spirit" different from serving in the "old way of the written code?" (2 Corinthians 3:6; Romans 8:1-2)
- What's the difference between serving God out of duty versus delight?
- Where are you tempted to slip back into striving under the "old way," and how can you practically rely on the Spirit's power this week?