

# A Study thru Romans

## Chapter 7

### Released from the Law

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

3 So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

- This is to those who believe they are doing right to be right
  - This means they believe if they fulfill the requirements of the law they remain in good standing with Jehovah
  - This puts the law in charge of your entire identity
    - The law having “dominion” means that the law dictates who you are
    - What you do
    - When you do it
    - For the entirety of your life
- Paul then employs an illustration to show his point
  - Marriage is this illustration
    - When a woman marries a man, she then becomes the identity of her husband

- She is subject to his will (as he is hers) as long as they both live
- If/when he/she dies, they are free from the marriage vows
- If they join themselves to another, while their spouse is alive, they are adulterous
- If/when their spouse dies, they are free to marry another
- Death brings freedom from laws boundaries

4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

- Paul continues using the marriage illustration
  - Christ is both husbands
    - He fulfilled the law's requirements
    - He chose to die from the law's consequences
    - This choice of Christ frees us from the bondage of the law
    - We have **NO identity in/with the law**
    - Christ's resurrection gives us the choice of a new partnership
      - One where He meets all requirements to bring us to the Father
      - One where He does all the work
      - One where He makes His bride look good
        - We, the sinful bride make perfect, get to be robed in White!

- The choice is ours...we can remain in bondage to something that is dead
- Or choose a new life IN Christ that brings God Glory

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

- It's all about Grace, Jesus did all the work to fulfill the law
  - Our fulfilling the law accomplishes nothing except for **selfish satisfaction**
  - Our failing the law accomplishes nothing except for **selfish satisfaction**
  - The law only shows us death, both physically and spiritually
- It's all about Grace, Jesus is doing all the work to fully deliver us from sin and the law
  - I cannot keep God's Law, that is the Letter of the Law
  - I can follow God's Spirit, who is kept by Christ, not by me, that is the Spirit of the Law

### **The Law and Sin**

7 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.

9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

10 And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.

12 Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

- To any who would say, “the law must be evil, for it only brings condemnation” ...
  - If not for the law, we would not know what sin was
  - If not for the law, we would not know we are all sinners
    - Wages, or what we are owed, for sin is death
    - Why? For we all have sinned...we know this because the Law proclaims it
  - It is the law that points out our transgressions against a Holy, Righteous Creator God
- The Law is Good
  - God made the Law

- He has the authority since He is the Creator of All Things
  - The Law is good
  - The Law is holy
  - The Law is Just
  - God is the Law
  - Christ fulfilled the Law
    - He did this, not to prove He was God
    - But to prove it is good
    - And proclaim His love for mankind
- Man (I) am Evil (exceeding sinful)
  - Here is how I know...

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

- My flesh has no problem doing wrong, but a lot of struggle to do what is right, **this should grieve us**

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

- Every time I give into my flesh, I am proclaiming my love for a **dead spouse**, and that I am desiring a relationship with said **dead spouse**

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

- I am a new creature in Christ, espoused to a new Groom

- So why do want what I should not want?
- I am STILL A SINNER, just a saved one

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

- There is a daily war in me...
  - To glorify who I am (dead man)
  - Or to Glorify Christ (alive Man)

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

- The battle continues...I love and hate this passage.
  - I hate that there is sin in me.

- This sin pulls me continually away from the things of God.
  - This sin is good at fighting its fight.
  - This sin is the problem however, it is not me.
- I am a new creature.
  - This body, while it is present with me, is not who I am.
  - I am made a son of God.
- I am a new creature.
  - I am joint heirs with Jesus.
- I am a new creature.
  - I am made the righteousness of God.
- I am a new creature.
  - I am holy, because He is holy.
- **I am a new creature**
- I love this passage because...
  - I am reminded that I am not the problem, sin is,
  - and will continue to be until what time God kills this mortal flesh that is sin sick and diseased.
- So, what do I do?
  - Is it hopeless?
  - Will there be good days and bad?
  - Will I ever have victory?
- What do I do?
  - I turn to the Truth and allow the Spirit to guide me every time the enemy presents itself for battle.
  - This arms me for the battle with weapons of warfare that are mighty through God!
- Is it hopeless?
  - There is hope in Jesus as long as I am in this world

- He is ever present with me...and when this life is done,
- I will be ever present with Him...that is HOPE!
- Will there be good days and bad days?
  - Yes and yes.
  - The good days will come when I choose Him.
  - Oh, there may be problems, casualties, and collateral damage because war is tough,
  - but if Christ is chosen, the day is His.
  - The bad days will be when I allow...
    - the enemy to gain ground,
    - set a stronghold,
    - and present itself as a true opponent.
- Will I ever have victory?
  - Oh, Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
  - He sought me and He bought me, with His redeeming Blood!
  - He loved me ere' I knew Him
  - and all my love is to Him.
  - He PLUNGED me into Victory,
  - beneath His cleansing Flood!