

Romans 7:1-12
"Free from the Law"

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1. Introduction

- a. Rom 6:14 Christian is under grace - not under the law
- b. Gal 3:24 Moses Law was schoolmaster to bring sinner to Christ

2. Relationship to the Law

- a. Comparison about marriage
 - bound by law to husband
 - death release from obligation
 - previous death, wife can join in new relationship
- b. Compared to Christian in body of Christ
 - dead to the law
 - married to Christ - "bride of Christ"
 - bear fruit to God

c. Contrast

- in the flesh in deadness of sin
- sinful passions aroused by the Law
- sin at work to bear fruit to death

d. Calling

- come to serve in newness of the Spirit
- leaving behind & delivered from the Law in the oldness of the letter

1e. Clarification

- Law raises awareness of sin
 - * example: do not covet (greed)
 - * Law produced all evil desire
- Law named my sinful tendencies
- Law accelerated awareness of sin
 - * law breakers know disobedience

f. Conviction

- Person once alive without the Law
- Law came into my life
- Sin awareness revived
- Person dies in the oldness of the law
- Sin deceives me & kills me

2. Reality of Sanctification

a. New Spirit

b. New struggles

- against powers of darkness
(Eph 6:11-13)
- put on whole armor of God

c. Rom 7:4 bear fruit to God

- Gal 5:22-23 fruit of the Spirit

d. Rom 7:6 Serve God in newness of the Spirit

- delivered from the law

e. Law in itself is holy & just & good

- Gal 3:11 no one justified by the law

* the just shall live by faith

- Gal 3:14 receive the promise of the Spirit through faith

f. Rom 7:25

- with my mind I serve the law of God (new man)
- with the flesh serve the law of sin (old man)