

Believers
Separated from the
bondage of law

Rom 7:1-6

Rom. 7:1 Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? ² For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. ³ So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

Rom. 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

law

noun with article

emphasize individual or group identity
or previous usage reference

noun without article

emphasize nature, character, kind

What law ?

Specific Identified One

The Mosaic Law ?

Context of 7:1-6 talking law nature

The Roman Legal law ?

No, still must stop at Stop Signs

Specific Kind, Group or class

the law (class, group, principle)

the group or class law, ie principle, the law of gravity, the law

* Matt. 8:20; Luke 10:7; Rom 7:2; Rom. 3:27

Godly Trail Markers

Rom. 7:4 **ὥστε**, ἀδελφοί μου, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐθανατώθητε τῷ νόμῳ διὰ τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ, εἰς τὸ γενέσθαι ὑμᾶς ἑτέρῳ, τῷ ἐκ νεκρῶν ἐγερθέντι, **ἵνα** καρποφορήσωμεν τῷ θεῷ. 5 **ὅτε γὰρ** ἦμεν ἐν τῇ σαρκί, τὰ παθήματα τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν τὰ διὰ τοῦ νόμου ἐνηργεῖτο ἐν τοῖς μέλεσιν ἡμῶν, εἰς τὸ καρποφορήσαι τῷ θανάτῳ. 6 νυνὶ **δὲ** κατηργήθημεν ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἀποθανόντες ἐν ᾧ κατειχόμεθα, **ὥστε** δουλεύειν ἡμᾶς ἐν καινότητι πνεύματος **καὶ** οὐ παλαιότητι γράμματος.

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Map of Understanding

Summary Statements

Rom. 7:4 **ΩΣΤΕ**, αδελφοι μου, και υμεις
εθανατωθητε τω νομω δια του σωματος
του Χριστου, εις το γενεσθαι υμας ετερω,
τω εκ νεκρων εγερθεντι, **ΙΝΑ**
καρποφορησωμεν τω θεω. 5 **ΟΤΕ** **ΓΑΡ** ημεν
εν τη σαρκι, τα παθηματα του νομου
τα δια του νομου ενεργειτο εν τοις μελεσιν
ημων, εις το καρποφορησαι τω θανατω. 6
ΝΥΝ **ΔΕ** κατηγορηθημεν απο του νομου
αποθανοντες εν ω κατειχομεθα, **ΩΣΤΕ**
δουλευειν ημας εν καινοτητι πνευματος
ΚΑΙ ου παλαιοτητι γραμματος.

Further
Explanation

Then

Now

Outline Rom 7:4-6

Summary Statement: Believers Have Been Separated From Law Principle 7.4

---Further Explanation---- 7.5-6b

----- THE PAST ----- 7.5

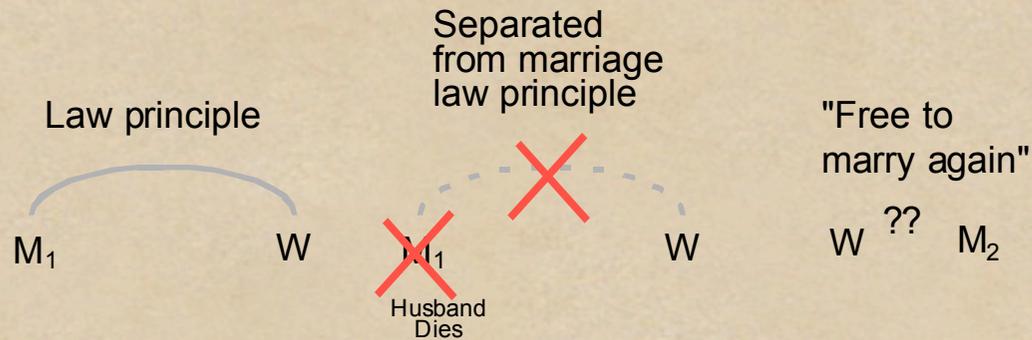
----- THE PRESENT ----- 7.6a,b

----- Overall Significance ----- 7.6c

Spiritual Parallel

- ◆ This section is a spiritual parallel of the earlier everyday illustration based upon marriage.
- ◆ Death freed from the authority of law
- ◆ Death freed a spouse to marry another

Diagrams



1

Death/Separation from law

2

Free to unite to another

7:4 No longer under law

*Return to Rom 6:14-15 topic of law

- ◆ Separated from law (spiritual realm) *Rom 7:2,6
- ◆ Initiated & carried out by God *Rom 7:4; 10:4; Gal 3:13; Eph 1:7; 2:13,15,16; Col 1:22
- ◆ Our mental recognition in the Truth results in our habitual outward walk and inner thoughts in His Character and Way *Eph 2:10; Col 1:10

Explanation of the Change

The Past

The Present

7:5 The Past

- ◆ In the past we always lived in law-OMSNTF realm *Rom 7:5; Gal. 3:23; 4:4-5
- ◆ Law Energizes the desires of OMSNTF *Rom 6:12; 7:7; 13:14; Eph 2:3
- ◆ OMSNTF effectively works our members *Rom. 6:13,19
- ◆ Unto bearing fruit to the death condition *Rom 7:5,7; Eph

7:6 The Now

- ◆ Fact: Believers have been released from law *Rom 7:2,4; 6:14
- ◆ While being separated from it (possible to engage law again *Rom 7:8; Gal 1:4-5; 3:3; Gal. 5:1)
- ◆ Law holds us down (bondage, restraint)
*Matt. 11:29-30; Acts 15:10; Gal. 2:4,12; 4:3

7:6 Overall Significance

- ◆ Detached us from law principle (rules, merit)
KATARGEŌ καταργεω *Rom. 6:6; 7:2,6; Gal. 5:4
- ◆ Attached us in divine servanthood *Rom 7:6; Rom. 6:16-22
- ◆ New Manner of inner spiritual relationship
*Rom 2:9; 2Cor 3:5-8,17
- ◆ Rather than old manner of external rules *Matt. 9:13; Hosea 6:6; 2Cor. 3:3

Recap

- ◆ Believers are not to operate under a system of rules (merits and demerits).
- ◆ Believers are to live under Grace (a resource system, infinitely and eternally, powered by the Cross of Jesus Christ)

Looking ahead ...

- ◆ We are freed from law, so it must have been bad!
- ◆ Too strict law causes death
- ◆ Good law enables good living