

# Romans 7

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### Romans 7

#### Dead to the Law—Dead by the Law—This Body of Death

- I) Dead to the law—*Ye also are become dead to the law*  
—(Delivered from the law by our position of being “*in Christ*”)

*Rom 7:1* 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?

*Rom 7:2* 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.

*Rom 7:3* 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.

*Rom 7:4* 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.

**A) By two deaths (our death in Jesus and His death)—We are freed from the law**

**1) We are not under the law—In that we are dead to the law**

*Rom 7:1 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?*

*Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ...*

**—Paul has previously taught that we are dead in Christ**

*Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*

*Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him...*

*Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.*

**—Paul has previously taught that we are not under the law**

*Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

**—That we have been freed from the law is a common**

**teaching of Paul**

*Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

*Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

**2) We are even further freed from the law—In that our husband has died**

*Rom 7:2 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.*

*Rom 7:3 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.*

**—Freed from the law and free to marry another**

*1Co 7:39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.*

**B) The significance of becoming dead to the law by the body of Christ**

*Rom 7:4 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.*

*Rom 7:5 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.*

*Rom 7:6 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.*

**1) Christ is risen and you in Him—That you be married and bring forth fruit**

*Rom 7:4 ...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.*

*Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*

**2) Our fleshly passions did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death**

*Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions [passions] of sins...did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.*

*Rom 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.*

**3) The power that the law held over us—The law even incited man's flesh to sin**

*Rom 7:5 ...the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members..*

*Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence.*

*Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me...*

*Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound*

*Gen 2:17 ...of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat...*

**4) But now we are delivered from the law's dominion—It has no power over us**

*Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held*

*Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

*Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ*

**5) That we should serve in newness of the spirit—Not in the oldness of the letter**

*Rom 7:6 ...that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*

*Rom 6:4 ...that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*Rom 6:6 ...that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

*Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.*

*Rom 6:19 ...so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness*

*Rom 7:4 ...that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*

## **II) Dead by the law—When the commandment came, sin revived, and I died**

### **(God's law proves our exceeding sinfulness and approves our eternal demise)**

*Rom 7:7 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.*

*Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.*

*Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.*

*Rom 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.*

*Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*

*Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*

*Rom 7:13 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.*

### **A) The law was not the cause of the problem—The law defined sin**

*Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid...*

*Rom 7:7 ...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.*

### **B) Our nature is so vile that the law incites us to sin**

*Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.*

### **C) Our conceited self-righteousness without the law written in our hearts**

*Rom 7:8 ...For without the law sin was dead.*

*Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the law once*

### **D) Our conviction of sin after the law is written in our hearts**

*Rom 7:9 ...but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.*

*Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*

*Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*

*2Co 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*

*Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

*Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

*Mat 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit...*

*Mat 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn...*

*Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek...*

*Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness...*

### **E) The law—Instead of giving life—Brought death**

*Rom 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.*

*Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*

### **F) The law is good—In that it reveals to us our sin**

*Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*

*Rom 7:13 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.*

*Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ,*

*Rom 3:19* Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

*Rom 3:20* Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

### III) This Body of Death—*Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

**(Self-condemnation arising from spiritual examination of the body of death)**

*Rom 7:14* For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

*Rom 7:15* For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

*Rom 7:16* If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

*Rom 7:17* Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

*Rom 7:18* 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.

*Rom 7:19* For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

*Rom 7:20* Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

*Rom 7:21* I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

*Rom 7:22* For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

*Rom 7:23* 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.

*Rom 7:24* O wretched man that I am! **who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

*Rom 7:25* 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.

#### A) The law is good—But the carnal “I” is a slave of sin

*Rom 7:14* For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

#### B) The conflict of our two natures

##### 1) The carnal “I” does what the spiritual “I” would not allow

*Rom 7:15* For that which I do I allow not

##### 2) What the spiritual “I” would desire to do—The carnal “I” does not do

*Rom 7:15* ...for what I would, that do I not...

##### 3) What the spiritual “I” hates to do—The carnal “I” ends up doing

*Rom 7:15* ...but what I hate, that do I.

#### C) My own guilty conscience is proof that the law is good and right

*Rom 7:16* If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

#### D) Though dead to the law—The reality is that I am losing the battle with sin

*Rom 7:17* Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

*Rom 7:18* 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.

*Rom 7:19* For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

#### E) Though I should have dominion over the law—Sin still defeats me

*Rom 7:20* Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

#### F) A principle of life—My nature ends up having dominion over the law of God

*Rom 7:21* I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

*Rom 7:22* For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

*Rom 7:23* 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.

#### G) The constant condemnation of being in a body of death

*Rom 7:24* O wretched man that I am! *who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

#### H) But through Jesus Christ—There is deliverance

*Rom 7:25* I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...

##### I) An acknowledgment of the reality of our situation

*Rom 7:25* ...So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

### IV) Peace that comes from knowing by faith that Christ is our Savior

#### A) There is no peace under the law

*Rom 7:9* For I was alive without the law once: but when **the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.**

*Rom 7:24* **O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

**B) There is peace—In knowing by faith that we are not under the law**

*Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

*Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ...*

*Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law...*

**C) There is peace—In knowing by faith that we are in Christ**

*Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...*

*Rom 5:19 ...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

**D) There is peace—In knowing by faith that all who are in Christ shall be saved**

*Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

**E) There is peace—In knowing by faith that Christ has saved us**

*Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*