

Dead to the Law **Romans 7:1-6**

I. AUTHORITY: "the law has jurisdiction" (vv.1-3)

A. Ignorance: "do you not know?" (v.1)

B. Illustration: "the married woman" (vv.2-3)

1. Wife: "bound by law" (vv.2a,3a)

a. Restrained: "bound...while he is living" (v.2a)

b. Rejected: "husband is living...called an adulteress" (v.3a)

2. Widow: "if her husband dies" (vv.2b,3b)

a. Discharged: "she is released from the law" (v.2b)

b. Disconnected: "she is free from the law" (v.3b)

II. APPLICATION: "made to die to the Law" (vv.4-6)

A. Separation: "made to die to the Law...through...Christ" (v.4)

1. New Life: "that you might be joined to another" (v.4a)

2. New Conduct: "that you might bear fruit for God" (v.4b)

B. Service: "we serve in newness of the Spirit" (vv.5-6)

1. Old Life: "while we were in the flesh" (v.5)

2. New Master: "but now we have been released" (v.6)

Next week: Read 1 Peter 2:4-12