

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Chapter 7:1-6



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 ✓ The Christian is dead to the law.
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2. Application/Conclusion (v. 4)
3. Summary (vv. 5-6)

ROMANS 7:1-6 (NAS)



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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.

ROMANS 6

- 6:1-2 Don't live in sin, you died to it
- 6:3 You have been baptized into Christ/emersed in Christ
- 6:4 In His death you died to sin.
- 6:4 In His resurrection, you live to righteousness.
- 6:6 Our old self was crucified with Him.
- 6:6 We are no longer slaves of sin.
- 6:7 Freed from it.
- 6:12 Do not let it now reign in your mortal body, don't obey it's lusts.
- 6:13 Use your body for righteous purposes now as servants to almighty God.
- 6:14 Sin is no longer your master.
- 6:15 There is now no law to condemn you—grace has been give to you.
- 6:16 You obey the one you are enslaved to (either sin or God)
- 6:18 You've been freed from sin and are now a servant of righteousness.
- 6:21-23 "When you were enslaved to sin, there were **no** demands upon you to be righteous—you were sinful and served sin. **But now**, in Christ, you are freed from that slavery and have been enslaved to Christ and that brings with it salvation, a call to obedience and eternal life.



“DO YOU NOT KNOW...”

Rom. 6:3 All of us who have been baptized in Christ have been baptized into his death?

Rom. 6:16 That when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey?

Rom 7:1 That the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?

1 Cor. 3:16 You are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you.

1 Cor. 5:6 That a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

1 Cor. 6:2 The saints will judge the world?

1 Cor. 6:3 We will judge angels?

1 Cor. 6:15 Your bodies are members of Christ?

1 Cor. 6:16 The one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her?

1 Cor. 6:19 Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?

1 Cor. 6:24 That those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

James 4:4 “Friendship with the world is hostility toward God.”



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- “If a criminal dies, he is no longer subject to persecution and punishment, no matter how numerous and heinous his crimes may have been.” John MacArthur
- Example: Lee Harvey Oswald.
- Robert Mounce, “Legal claims are binding on a person only when they are alive....law regulated the activities of the living, not the dead.

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- “The Law” here is the moral law written in the heart of everyone.
- If it IS the Mosaic Law, Paul is referring to that part of the Mosaic Law that pertains to all of us and not just Israel (thus the moral law).
- Romans 2:14-16 “For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them”
- “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Cor. 5:21

WE ARE ALL CURSED

“Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.” (Deut. 27:26; Gal 3:10).



JESUS RESCUED US FROM THE CURSE



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DEAD TO THE LAW



- Romans 8:1 “There is now therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.”
- John 8:31-32 [Jesus] “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

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- Ephesians 5:24-27 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

2 TAKE-AWAYS



1. You have died to the Law (in Christ). It no longer has power over you. It no longer has dominion over you and it no longer has a claim on you. Like a convicted felon who dies, you have died to the Law. IT's penalty, its condemnation and curse are no longer resting on you because of what Christ has done. No matter what sin you might have committed, past, present or future. All of it paid for by Jesus Christ. And His life and righteousness has been applied to us.
2. You were freed for a purpose: To be joined to the Lord Jesus Christ in ministry and service to Him. He, now is the Lord of your life. Serve Him....He is WORTHY of it.