

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Chapter 7:1-6

Part 2



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Why did God save us?



To serve Him and to bear fruit for Him and in so doing, glorify Him.

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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.

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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.” MacArthur Commentary
- 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”

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).



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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Therefore...since...

- We've been forgiven (4:7)
- Our Sin has been covered (4:7)
- Justified by God (5:1)
- Reconciled with God (5:10)
- Freed from Sin (6:18)
- Died to the Law (7:4)
- Released from the power and condemnation of the Law (7:1-4)
- What now is the expectation of this God who saved you?

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- Salvation carries with it a responsibility to serve God and the expectation that you will bear fruit FOR God.



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- ✓ Matt. 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”
- ✓ Phil 2:15 “So that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

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- ✓ 2 Corinthians 5:20 “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
- ✓ He/she is sent on behalf of a king/president/nation
- ✓ He/She represents the king, acts in accordance with his desires. Makes his will known.

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What is fruit?

- ✓ Something that grows off of something. It is the final product and result of the plant that is edible.
- ✓ A tree is defined by its fruit (Apple, pear, pineapple).
- ✓ PEOPLE bear fruit in their actions (figuratively).
- ✓ Fruit can either be good or bad.
- ✓ **The TRUE nature of the plant is in the fruit that it bears.**

HOW WILL WE KNOW THE TRUTH CHRISTIAN?



Matt 7:16-23 “You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? “So, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

“A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “So then, you will know them by their fruits. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’”

CHRISTIAN FRUIT

Attitudes.

- ✓ Gal. 5:22-25 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



Actions

- ✓ Heb 13:15 "Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."
- ✓ Matt 3:8 "Fruit of repentance"
- ✓ Col 1:6 "The gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;"
- ✓ Prov. 11:30 "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls."
- ✓ Dan. 12:3 ""Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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“The Spirit’s provision of fruit might be compared to a man standing on a ladder in an orchard, picking the fruit and dropping it into a basket held by a helper below. No matter how much fruit is picked and dropped, the helper will not receive any unless he is standing under the ladder with his basket ready.” (JM, Galatians commentary p 164)

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