**DIED TO THE LAW; BELONGING TO CHRIST**

Romans 7:1-25

Key Verse 7:4

*So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.*

1. What terminates the law’s[[1]](#footnote-1) authority over a person? (1) How is the law of marriage an example of this (2-3)? In what sense is the law like a critical and judgmental husband? How were we set free from its authority? (4a) Now, who is our new husband, and for what purpose? (4b) How is belonging to Jesus different from belonging to the law?
2. What passions were aroused by the law before we were in Christ, and what was the result? (5)? But what happened when we died to sin with Jesus? (6a) Since we are released from the law, how should we now serve God? (6b)
3. What new question did Paul ask and why do you think he asked it? (7a) According to Paul, what is the function of the law (7b; 3:20[[2]](#footnote-2))? How does Paul’s personal struggle with sin support this purpose of the law (7c-10)? What did Paul conclude about the law (11-12)? If not the law, what then brings death to us (13)?
4. In his struggle with sin, what did Paul not understand? (15)? Why did Paul do what he hated? (14) What does this show about sin living in us? (17-20) How does the fact that Paul did what he did not want to do show that the law is good? (16)
5. What inner power struggle did Paul discover (21-23)? What was Paul’s desperate cry for help (24)? Who delivered him from his wretched condition (25a)? What did Paul conclude about himself (25b)? How does this help us come to Jesus?

1. The word “law” refers to Mosaic law, which is one of the key concepts of the Old Testament. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Rom 3:20 ……….through the law we become conscious of our sin. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)