

DISSOLUTION OF YOUR “MARRIAGE”

ROMANS 7:1-6

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “Applying the analogy to the believer and his relationship to the Law, the woman is the believer and the Law is the husband. However, because the Law cannot die, Paul has the woman (the believer) die in verse 4.” R. Kent Hughes, Romans: Righteousness from Heaven, p. 138.

TO THE LAW—If you were speeding and the police tried to pull you over to ticket you, but you crashed and died, you would not receive a ticket from the law. A dead person is not under the law and is not guilty. Likewise as a believer, your death with Christ sets you free from being “married to” or under the Mosaic Law. (**Romans 7:1-3, fn 7:1ff, fn 7:2-6, Deuteronomy 5:1-21, fn 5:21, Romans 10:4, fn 10:4, Colossians 2:13-18, 20-3:3, fn 2:20-23, Galatians 3:21-27, fn 3:26, 27**) *When did you die to the Law?*

TO BELONG TO ANOTHER (JESUS)—Jesus does not want your self imposed rules and law-keeping habitually followed to make yourself look good and feel good before God and man to replace your relationship with Him. Not only did your old life die at the cross, but your “marriage” and allegiance to the Law died as well. You now have Christ in you with a new heart and a new loyalty only to Jesus. (**Romans 7:4, fn 7:4, I Peter 2:9, 10, fn 2:9, 10, Romans 1:6, Romans 14:8, Colossians 1:27, fn 1:26, 27, Colossians 3:1-4, fn 3:2, 3**) *How could reminding yourself throughout the day that you belong to Jesus strengthen your personal relationship with Him?*

TO SERVE A NEW WAY—The old way is to do the best you can in following the Law. The new way is having the Holy Spirit in you, guiding you by grace. (**Romans 7:6, fn 7:6, fn 7:6[2nd], II Corinthians 3:6-18, fn 3:6, fn 3:17, fn 3:18, Galatians 5:16-18, fn 5:16-18, Titus 2:11, 12, fn 2:11-14, Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 2:20, 21**) *What do you need to do to live your life controlled and guided by the Holy Spirit?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.