

The Death You Wanted (Romans 7:1-12)

The Gospel of God, Part 24

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1. When a _____ has died, it carries no _____.

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. (Romans 7:1-3)

2. Our union to the law of the _____ is dead because of our union with _____, so now we have no obligation to the flesh.

"Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death." (Romans 7:4)

To be dead means to be _____

The distinction is clear....

– Union with God ---- bear fruit for _____

– Union with Law ---- bear fruit for _____

3. Our new union with Christ weds us to the way of the _____ so that we can _____.

“But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code” (Romans 7:6)

4. The law was for the good purpose of _____ my sin and my need for union with Christ.

“What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.” (Romans 7:7-12)

Why were we as humans & creations of God made??

To be in Union with Christ, in power of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of the Father