

Romans

(23) The Law's Jurisdiction

What do we do with this new life in Christ?...7:1-6

In this section, to whom is Paul speaking? 7:1 Comment? 2:14-15

"those who know the law", likely Jews. However, anyone's conscience includes the Law.

How long does the Law have jurisdiction over a person? vs.1

Only as long as he lives. After a person dies, he's no longer bound by the Law!

What specific example does Paul now use to illustrate this point? vs.2-3

A married woman is "bound" to her husband unless he dies. Then she's "free".

And what is the spiritual point to this example? vs.4a

The believer has died to the Law through the body of Christ. In Christ when He died.

What FUNDAMENTAL truth is Paul repeating here? Rom.6:3-4; Gal.2:20

The believer has been baptized into Christ's death, buried, and then raised with Him...

What beautiful comparison can be made to the woman being remarried? Eph.5:25-26

The church, the bride of Christ, is to be joined with Him. We're dead to the old Law.

And what is the FUNDAMENTAL reason we are *raised from the dead* in Him? vs.4b

In order that we might bear fruit to God! No fruit, no life in Christ! He's our Life.

Is this truth isolated to Romans? Eph.2:8-9; Gal.5:22-24; Jn.15:1-2; Heb.13:15; Phil.1:9-11; etc..

No! This is the goal of our salvation, to glorify God with good works, by His Spirit!

Before we died (before salvation), we were controlled by what, with what fruit? vs.5

Controlled by Sin (it was master over us) and the fruit was for death, not life.

But now, by our death with Christ, we are free to do what? vs.6

We are released from the Law, to serve God in the new way of the Spirit! Now we can...

Paul begins to unfold the example of himself...7:7-8

What does Paul next anticipate from the "objectors"? vs.5, 7, 12, 14

Especially from the Jew, are you really saying that the Law is sin? Ans: NO, it's Holy.

Paul's language shifts at verse 7 to the first person, singular. What does this indicate?

Paul now uses himself (I) as a specific example of the truths being taught. Very personal

What is the FUNDAMENTAL doctrine taught by Paul in 7b?

The Law is NOT Sin, but it arouses Sin in us. Tell us "No" and we want it all the more!

How does he illustrate with the example of "do not covet"? vs.8

Sin in Paul seized the opportunity to challenge the Law, and produced all kinds of coveting

Why does he then say "apart from the law sin is dead". Is the Law sin?

The Law 'energizes' or makes obvious the Sin already there. Gives it expression.