

YOU HAVE DIED TO THE LAW TO SERVE IN THE SPIRIT

(Romans 7:1-6)

II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED: HIS JUSTIFICATION TO ALL BELIEVERS (3:21-5:21)

III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REPRODUCED IN SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:13)

A. The Believer's IDENTIFICATION with Christ (Romans 6)

B. The Believer's RELATIONSHIP to the Law (Romans 7)

1. The word "*brethren*" describes _____ who are in the _____ of Christ. (v. 1a)

2. Paul's principle assertion is that...
 - a. The Law has _____ over a man while he _____. (v. 1b)

 - b. Death _____ the Law's right to rule a man if he _____.

3. The analogy that is used involves a wife, her husband, and the Law. (vv. 2-3)
 - a. The principle stated is that with any wife she is _____ by _____ to her husband as long as he is alive. (v. 2a)

 - b. If her husband should die, she has been _____ from her legal obligation; as a result, she is _____ married. (v. 2b)

 - c. However, if she married another man while her husband was _____, she would have broken her vows, and she would be considered an adulteress, a _____. (v. 3)

4. By virtue of the fact that every believer in Christ has already been co-crucified, co-buried, and co-raised with Him in _____ of _____ life, that believer is now _____ to the Law. (v. 4a)
5. The purpose for this new relationship with Christ is two-fold...
- a. *“that you may be _____ to _____,”* to your Blessed Redeemer. (v. 4b)
- b. *“that we SHOULD _____ to God.”* (v. 4c)
6. Looking momentarily at our past, before we were saved, we only bore the _____ of fruit, fruit which led to _____. (v. 5)
7. Thanks be to God we have _____ with Christ and _____ to the Law’s authority. (v. 6a)
8. In light of what God has done for us, He is now asking each one of us that we *“SHOULD _____ in the newness of the Spirit,”* i.e., walk in the _____ of the Holy Spirit. (v. 6b, cf. 2 Cor. 3:5-6; 1 Pet. 4:11)

* How can you personally apply this truth in your life starting right now?