DEAD TO LAW—LIVING UNDER GRACE

(ROMANS 6:15-7:25)

1. HOW TO LIVE SINCE FREED FROM THE LAW (6:15-23)
2. WE SHOULD LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY

Rom. 6:15 “shall we sin?” “God forbid” we should not.

1. HOW CAN WE LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY?

Rom. 6:16-18.We are not only free from the law, but from sin.

Rom. 6:19-23. We are now servants of God and righteousness.

1. THE WAY GOD FREED MAN FROM THE LAW (7:1-6)

Rom. 7:1 “to them that know the law,” Jewish believers.

1. THE ILLUSTRATION OF MARRIAGE.
2. The marriage bond is in effect all through life.

Rom.7:1-2 “the woman … bound …as long as he liveth.”

1. The marriage bond is severed only by death.

Rom. 7:2 “if her husband is dead, she is loosed…”

1. A second marriage is permitted if death ends the first.

Rom. 7:3 “she is free from that law.”

1. THE APPLICATION OF THE ILLUSTRATION.
2. Men are bound to the law for their whole lifetime.

Duet. 6:2 “all the days of thy life.”

1. This bond has been broken by death (in Christ).

Rom. 7:4 “ye … dead to the law by the body of Christ.”

Rom. 7:6 “are delivered from the law … being dead.”

1. We have since been married to another, the Risen One.

Rom. 7:4 “married to another … Him who is raised…”

1. This second marriage is a happy one.

Rom. 7:6 “serve in newness of spirit.”

1. SOME QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE LAW (7:7-14).
2. WAS THE LAW PUT ASIDE BECAUSE IT WAS EVIL?

The question: Rom. 7:7 “is the law sin?”

The answer: Rom. 7:7-11. It reveals sin, does not cause it.

Conclusion: Rom. 7:12 “the law is holy … just … good.”

1. WAS THE LAW HARMFUL IN ITS EFFECT?

The question: Rom, 7:13 “was … that which is good … death?”

The answer: Rom. 7:13.The cause is sin, not the law.

Conclusion: Rom. 7:14 “the law is spiritual, but I …”

1. THE HELPLESSNESS OF MAN UNDER THE LAW (7:14-24)

Three things are discovered:

1. Rom. 7:14 “For we know that the law is spiritual”

Vs. 15-17- even sinners admit that the law is good.

1. Rom. 7:18 “For I know that in me … no good.”

Vs. 18-20- show that we lack the capacity to do good.

1. Rom. 7:21 “I find then … evil.”

Vs. 22-24-show that despite the law, sin is our master.

1. THE ONLY HOPE: JESUS CHRIST (7:24- 8:3)
2. THE CRY OF A WRETCHED MAN.

Rom. 7:24 “Who shall deliver me?”

1. THE WAY WE ARE DELIVERED.

Rom.7:25. By “God through Jesus Christ.” Rom. 8:1-3