



## **Romans 7:1-6**

### No Longer Under Law

- I. **Introduction:** Paul explained that the law can no longer condemn a believer because we are unified with Christ and have died in Him, so we are no longer under its authority.
  
- II. No Longer Under Law (**Rom 7:1-6**).
  - A. Dominion of the Law (**v. 1**).
    1. Paul taught that the law no longer has any jurisdiction over the Christian because it has no power over those who are dead.
  
  - B. Death to the Law (**vv. 2-3**).
    1. Paul stated that any person who is married is legally and morally united with their spouse while they are alive, but is released when they have died.
  
  - C. Deliverance from the Law (**vv. 4-5**).
    1. Paul explained that Christians have died in their union with Christ, and the requirements of the law no longer have authority over them.
  
  - D. Discharged from the Law (**v. 6**).
    1. Paul proclaimed that because believers are dead to the law, they are released from its penalty and live by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  
- III. **Conclusion:** Paul explained that because Christians have died in Christ to the law, the law no longer condemns to them, and they are free to live for Jesus.



## Questions About: No Longer Under Law

1. How does Paul explain the relationship between the believer and the law? (**Rom 7:1-6**) How did the Jews revere God's law? (**Psa 19:7-10**) How many times is "law" used in this chapter?
2. What principle did Paul establish about the authority of the law? (**Rom 7:1**) How long does the law have jurisdiction over a person? (**v. 1**) Why is death significant in Paul's argument?
3. Why did Paul use marriage as an illustration? (**Rom 7:2-3**) What happens to the marriage covenant when a spouse dies? (**vv. 2-3**) What point was Paul trying to make about the law?
4. Why is death necessary for freedom from a legally binding relationship? (**Matt 19:3-12**) Why is it that God is the only one who can truly separate a man and a woman? (**Matt 19:6**)
5. What happened to believers through their union with Jesus? (**Rom 7:4**) How does His death affect our relationship to the law? What does it mean that we are joined to another? (**v. 4**)
6. What is the purpose of being joined to Christ? (**Rom 7:4**) What does it mean to "bear fruit for God"? How does abiding in Christ produce spiritual fruit? (**John 15:4-5; Gal 5:22-23**)
7. What characterized our lives before salvation? (**Rom 7:5**) Why do people naturally rebel against God's commands? (**v. 5**) What kind of fruit did our former life produce? (**v. 5**)
8. What does it mean that we have been "released from the Law"? (**Rom 7:6**) What penalties of the law has Christ removed? How does the Holy Spirit empower us to obey God? (**Gal 5:16**)

### Prayer

1. Thank God that through Jesus Christ you have been freed from the condemnation of the law.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk in obedience and bear fruit that honors God.