

Text: Romans 7

Subject: "Married to another"

INTRODUCTION

1. The Imagery of Marriage

- a) This was used by the Apostle Paul
- b) Marriage bonds will last as long as the spouse is alive
- c) The marriage bond is ended at death

2. This imagery was applied

- a) To believers
- b) They are bound to the Lord in a new relationship

THE MARRIAGE LAW

¹Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?

²For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

³So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

Romans 7:1-3

- 1. The law has dominion over the living
- 2. It has no jurisdiction over the dead
- 3. The individual is bound (as in a marriage by law)
- 4. But the individual can be freed from the law

DEAD TO THE LAW

⁴Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

⁵ *For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.*

⁶ *But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.*

Romans 7:4-6

1. The believer is dead to the law

- a) Through the body of the Lord Jesus Christ
- b) He died on the cross
- c) We died with the Lord in our identification with our Saviour

2. When we were in the flesh

- a) There were sinful passions
- b) They were aroused by the Law
- c) We bore fruit to death

3. We have a new Marriage relationship

- a) We have a Covenant-Marriage relationship with the Lord Jesus
- b) We have been delivered from the law
- c) We have died to the law

4. We should now:

- a) Serve in the newness of the Spirit
- b) And not in the oldness of the letter

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To comprehend the Marriage Imagery
2. To cultivate our relationship with the Lord
3. To concretely live out the Marriage Imagery

- a) In faith
- b) In fullness
- c) In fruitfulness