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Dead to the Law—Dead by the Law—This Body of Death

- I) Dead to the law—*Ye also are become dead to the law*
—(Delivered from the law by our position of being “*in Christ*”)

Rom 7:1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

Rom 7:2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

Rom 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, **ye also are become dead to the law** by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

A) By two deaths (our death in Jesus and His death)—We are freed from the law

1) We are not under the law—In that we are dead to the law

Rom 7:1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ...

—Paul has previously taught that we are dead in Christ

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him...

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

—Paul has previously taught that we are not under the law

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

—That we have been freed from the law is a common

teaching of Paul

Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

2) We are even further freed from the law—In that our husband has died

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Rom 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

—Freed from the law and free to marry another

1Co 7:39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

B) The significance of becoming dead to the law by the body of Christ

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

1) Christ is risen and you in Him—That you be married and bring forth fruit

Rom 7:4 ...ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

2) Our fleshly passions did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death

Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions [passions] of sins...did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Rom 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

3) The power that the law held over us—The law even incited man's flesh to sin

Rom 7:5 ...the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members..

Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence.

Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me...

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound

Gen 2:17 ...of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat...

4) But now we are delivered from the law's dominion—It has no power over us

Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ

5) That we should serve in newness of the spirit—Not in the oldness of the letter

Rom 7:6 ...that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Rom 6:4 ...that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:6 ...that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Rom 6:19 ...so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness

Rom 7:4 ...that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

II) Dead by the law—When the commandment came, sin revived, and I died

(God's law proves our exceeding sinfulness and approves our eternal demise)

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

Rom 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Rom 7:13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

A) The law was not the cause of the problem—The law defined sin

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid...

Rom 7:7 ...Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

B) Our nature is so vile that the law incites us to sin

Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

C) Our conceited self-righteousness without the law written in our hearts

Rom 7:8 ...For without the law sin was dead.

Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the law once

D) Our conviction of sin after the law is written in our hearts

Rom 7:9 ...but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

2Co 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Mat 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit...

Mat 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn...

Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek...

Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness...

E) The law—Instead of giving life—Brought death

Rom 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

F) The law is good—In that it reveals to us our sin

Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Rom 7:13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ,

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

III) This Body of Death—*Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

(Self-condemnation arising from spiritual examination of the body of death)

Rom 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Rom 7:15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

Rom 7:16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

Rom 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Rom 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! **who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

A) The law is good—But the carnal “I” is a slave of sin

Rom 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

B) The conflict of our two natures

1) The carnal “I” does what the spiritual “I” would not allow

Rom 7:15 For that which I do I allow not

2) What the spiritual “I” would desire to do—The carnal “I” does not do

Rom 7:15 ...for what I would, that do I not...

3) What the spiritual “I” hates to do—The carnal “I” ends up doing

Rom 7:15 ...but what I hate, that do I.

C) My own guilty conscience is proof that the law is good and right

Rom 7:16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

D) Though dead to the law—The reality is that I am losing the battle with sin

Rom 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

E) Though I should have dominion over the law—Sin still defeats me

Rom 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

F) A principle of life—My nature ends up having dominion over the law of God

Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

G) The constant condemnation of being in a body of death

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! *who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

H) But through Jesus Christ—There is deliverance

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...

I) An acknowledgment of the reality of our situation

Rom 7:25 ...So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

IV) Peace that comes from knowing by faith that Christ is our Savior

A) There is no peace under the law

Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the law once: but when **the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.**

Rom 7:24 **O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

B) There is peace—In knowing by faith that we are not under the law

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ...

Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law...

C) There is peace—In knowing by faith that we are in Christ

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...

Rom 5:19 ...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

D) There is peace—In knowing by faith that all who are in Christ shall be saved

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

E) There is peace—In knowing by faith that Christ has saved us

Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: