

The Christian in Romans 7

Sermon 18 in the Romans Series

Romans 7:1-6

Matthew 6:24 -- *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

I. The Marriage Analogy The Lost Man and the Law v. 1-6

The Marriage Analogy – An analogy is the logical connection between things

A. Conflicting views of this Chapter

1. Some believe that Paul is writing about his experiences only as a lost man and not about sanctification in his Christian life. We disagree.
2. We need to understand the word “Law” as used by Paul in this chapter.
 - 1) The Moral Law of God – the 10 Commandments – v. 1, 22
 - 2) In regard to civil law – marriage as the example – v. 2, 3
 - 3) The law as a governing principle a power or even a habit – v. 21, 22

B. The Lost Man and the Law v. 1-3

Revelation 20:12 -- ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, **and books were opened**. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, **according to what they had done**.

In our lost state – we were under law -- we were married to the law

II. The Christian is Free from the Law – v. 4-6

The husband (the law) dies – and the wife is free to remarry!
We are free to be in Christ and become part of the Bride of Christ!

A. Free in Christ to live and bear good fruit v.4

B. What does “dead to the law” mean? The curse is gone! -- **Galatians 3:10-14**

C. We once lived under the law -- v. 5

We were “**in the flesh**” (flesh as sinful nature – not flesh and blood) before Christ saved us.

D. Our heart that has been changed -- v. 6b

E. A summary of the analogy (How the Lord uses the Law)