

ROMANS

“THE NEW WAY”

Romans 7:1-6

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THREE USES OF THE “LAW”

In what ways are Christians ‘not under law’?

1. “You are not under law, but under grace” (Rom. 6:14; 3:19-20). This use relates to _____.
2. “If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law” (Gal. 5:18). This use relates to _____.

In what way does the law still apply to the Christian?

3. The _____ law remains (Rom. 8:4; 13:8-10). This law is fulfilled by _____ that gushes forth from _____ (John 14:15).

Conclusion: The law is _____ for it allows us to know what sin is and for what purpose Christ came to die (Rom. 7:7; 8:2).

THE MEANING OF ‘SARX’ IN ROMANS 7 & 8:5-9

This is important as it will determine how one interprets these two chapters.

It means the condition of an _____. It is what we _____ before God _____ us (Rom. 7:5,18, 25; 8:5-9).

WHY MUST WE DIE TO THE LAW?

1. So that we can be _____ to _____ (v. 4).
2. So that we might _____ for God (v. 4).
3. So that we might _____, not in our own _____ but in the power of the _____ (v. 6).

WHAT IS “THE NEW WAY”?

The one who has trusted in Christ alone for salvation has become a slave of Christ/Righteousness. There is a monumental change. One letter makes everything different. My thinking goes from...

- ◆ I’ve _____ to. This is the way of _____.
- To...
- ◆ I _____ to. This is the way of _____ and willing servanthood.

“Obedience does not lead to salvation.
Salvation leads to obedience.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- ◆ Have I truly died to the law as a means of being made right with God?
- ◆ Which of the two attitudes toward living out the moral law of God listed above represents where I’m at?
- ◆ Did the Holy Spirit cause you to be challenged in a particular area of your life today? If yes, what was it? Be specific.

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3. The moral law remains (Rom. 8:4; 13:8-10). This law is fulfilled by obedience that gushes forth from love (John 14:15).

Conclusion: The law is good for it allows us to know what sin is and for what purpose Christ came to die (Rom. 7:7; 8:2).

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