

Till Death Do Us Part

Romans 7:1–6

- **The law's DOMINION is DESTROYED at DEATH** (vv. 1–3)
- **We are SEPARATED from the law and may now be joined to CHRIST** (v. 4a–b)
- **Now, in the SPIRIT, we bear fruit for GOD rather than for DEATH** (vv. 4c–6)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Can you think of some examples of contracts or agreements that are made void when one of those in the contract dies?
2. Discuss the difference between the Jew's relationship to the law and the Gentile's relationship to the law. Were they both "under the law" in the same way? Consider the difference in the Jew's and the Gentile's relationship to circumcision as a guide. Galatians 3:1-5, Galatians 5:2-6
3. Read Romans 7:4. How is it that we are separated from the law? Romans 6:5-6
4. Does being out from under the law mean that we live without a standard of morality? If not, what is that standard of morality? Romans 6:1, Galatians 6:2, 1 Corinthians 7:19, Matthew 22:37-40
5. Read Romans 7:5. Think of the culture that we currently live in and your own life before coming to Christ. How is it that the sinful desires of the flesh bear fruit for death (think spiritually and physically)?
6. Now read Romans 7:4c and Romans 7:6. How is it that we are able to bear fruit for God? What fruit are we to bear? Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Corinthians 9:20-22. How is the "new way of the Spirit" different from the "old way of the written code"?
7. In what practical ways can you remind yourself of who/what you are "married" to? In what ways can you strive to behave more consistently with that marriage?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

- ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

