

# ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 7:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship”**

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
According to the Gift of Grace Through Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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### **Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship**

This new section of the book of Romans now continues building upon what was started in chapter 5, And that is – what’s the most important earthly thing, this side of heaven in all of Christianity and it is...

### **The Doctrine of Sanctification**

which is, the divine work of God within a believer’s life through the Holy Spirit using the Word of God to Reproduce Jesus Christ in you – on earth!

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

Romans Chapter 5 argued for  
our practical sanctification.

which is our daily living of life - on a day-to-day basis as a believer - powered  
by the Word of God

( this is an observable reality - what you say you believe is backed up by how you live )

Romans chapter 6 argued for  
our positional sanctification  
which is the eternal fact - that our righteousness has been imputed to us, or  
gifted to us based on Jesus Christ's work at the cross.  
( this too is observable - what you say you believe is backed up by why you live )

**Sanctify** grk: hagiozo  
to declare and to make holy, to consecrate, to take out of and to  
place into, to dedicate and to keep.

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the  
presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory  
and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

We now come to Romans chapter 7 which has often been referred to as "the neglected  
chapter" because of its blunt honesty and its brutal depiction of the believer's struggle.

**Dr. J Vernon McGee says;**

"I was taught in Bible school that 'From Romans chapter 6 you ought to just take a  
detour and drive around Romans 7 so you can hurry on over to chapter 8.'"

**But We Need Romans 7 to Encourage Us or You who need to  
understand better – The Love of Him who gave it all.**

To know that while we are still here on earth we will struggle with the atmosphere of sin,  
but there is a homecoming soon that will take us to where we really are.

**The Great Question Was Asked by Someone A Long Time Ago;  
"If every Christian was just like you – What kind of Church would you be"**

**Ray Steadman Points Out an Ole' Saying;**

**"To dwell above with the saints I love that will be glory!  
But to stay below with the saints I know – well, that's another story!"  
- author unknown**

Romans 7:1-6

Or 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? 2 For 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. 3 So 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. 4 Therefore, 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.

Professor William Barclay

“One thing is certain regarding this passage; it is the legal maxim that is in focus here – and that is that death cancels all contracts.”

## Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship

1.) D.O.A is when faith comes alive

vs. 1-2

### Dead On Arrival When Faith Comes Alive

#### Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship

1a.) A living faith brings an end to a dead belief

vs. 1

Verse 1

1 Or 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?

**dominion** grk: kurieuo  
legal jurisdiction, mastery, control, authority.

Paul here addresses his Jewish brother-in-law who had come to Christ, but struggled with the demands of the law. The Law dominates over the Jewish mind (any mind) when the Law is understood correctly.

“Our old nature, known as the Adamic nature, is under the authority of the **Law of God** because of sin. Our sin nature must answer to the **Law of God** because the Law is what accuses us of our actions.”

It is Truly Awesome to realize that even before God gave the law to Moses there was already a witness of his law in the heart of man ( there was no 10 commandments in the garden of Eden, yet Adam and Eve knew that they had sinned. )

## **In his earlier days as a religious Jew and Pharisee,**

Paul had a **wrong type of belief** placed in **the wrong type of person (himself)** which led him to a **fatal type of faith** that ended in death.

James 2:10-12

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

## **Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship**

When you believe that your relationship is completely based upon your good will, your faithfulness, your effort and your goodness – you have a fatal faith.

Galatians 2:16

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

**"But I Thought the Law was good? – It's Perfection (without a Heart)**

1 Timothy 1:8-10

But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, 9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,

## **But the authority of the Law is a poor motivator.**

Known to all people is the fact that Love is the greatest motivator.

John 21:15-17

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "*Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.*" He said to him, "Feed <sup>(love)</sup> My lambs." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "*Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.*" He said to him, "Tend <sup>(care)</sup> My sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Pete now grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" said to Him, "*Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.*" Jesus said to him, "Feed <sup>(love)</sup> My sheep.

1 Peter 4:8

And above all things have fervent love for one another,  
for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

Philippians 3:3-10

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, 4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

## **Stephan Preached of the First Sermons in The N.T.**

Acts 7:51-53

“You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, 53 who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.”

## **And Peter Echoed the Same in Acts**

Acts 15:10

Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

## **Dead On Arrival When Faith Comes Alive**

### **Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship**

1b.) A living faith brings an end in sight

vs. 2-3

Verse 2a

2a For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives.

## { Illustration }

It would do us well to see what we can about who is Paul speaking of.

The woman is referring to you and me - the church  
The first husband may refer to either Adam or the Law  
The second husband is without a doubt Jesus Christ

Paul is basically saying, "let me use the example of marriage which is the most binding issue that anyone can imagine. "

*When Adam died (sinned) – we died (sinned) in Adam*

William Carey - the father of modern missions was sent as a Missionary to Calcutta India in 1793, His social work extended beyond education to urge the government to outlaw such practices as infanticide and suttee (in which Hindu widows incinerate themselves on their husbands' funeral pyre). He also encouraged the use of Indians as missionaries and led in the formation of the Agricultural Society of India in 1820.

"We were once married to sin, but sin and its authority died at the cross of Christ – with sin being dead, we were set free to marry a second time – To Him who was God through Christ Jesus !

Try tempting a dead guy with a bowl of Ice Cream or try an In & Out Double-Double Animal Style Burger – Come on man !!!

**Bound** grk: deo  
to tie together or to bind one to another.  
to bond or to become one in unity. – grafted together.

### **Dead On Arrival When Faith Comes Alive Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship**

1c.) A living faith brings an end to old chains.

vs. 2b-3

Verse 2b

2b But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

### **The Goodness of God's Law**

Is that it is the perfect moral statement and will remain unsurpassed in ethics. The Ten Commandments are The Greatest Guidepost and Guardrail in all of Human History.

## **But remember the law was given to show us how holy and righteous God is and how unholy and unrighteous we are.**

Matthew 5:20-21,27-28

For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

### **Dead On Arrival When Faith Comes Alive**

#### **Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship**

1c.) A living faith brings an end to old chains.

vs. 3

#### Verse 3

3 So 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.

Philippians 3:4-8

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### **It's Time for You to Make a Change**

Ezekiel 37:26

Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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