

ROMANS STUDY

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

Romans 7:1-6

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“Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship” – Part 2

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Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship

Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse rightly describes the doctrine
of Romans chapter 7 when he said.

“One of the most misunderstood chapters in the entire Bible should not be viewed as such. Like an inexperienced swimmer, the average Christian stands in terror of such deep water as complete abandonment to the grace of God. He fears to be born alone on the will of God in his daily life – to cast himself completely on the direction of the Holy Spirit. But, once he gets over the panic of such self-abandonment, he finds that the grace of God sustains, carries, cradles, and calms him – and he lives eternally in time. Romans chapter 7 is given to help the believer cast himself into the depths of God’s grace.”

This Is Of The Utmost Importance

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.

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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?

Casting Truth Against a Dead Belief

Luke 8:4-15

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: 5 "A Sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. 8 But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" 9 Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" 10 And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' 11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. 13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. 14 Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Matthew 7:13-14, 21

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

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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.

Paul's basically saying, *"let me use the example of marriage - which is the most binding legally, physically and emotionally - that anyone can imagine. "*

Bound

grk: deo

to tie together or to bind one to another.

to bond or to become one in unity. – grafted together.

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** (espoused) is without a doubt Jesus **Christ**

William Carey - the father of modern missions

was sent to Calcutta India in 1793 to preach the Gospel, His work quickly multiplied in influence when Carey began to not only preach the Gospel but to put into practice the Gospel in the area of social work which extended beyond education. **He fought hard and urged the government of India** to outlaw (1) the practice of infanticide and (2) to stop immediately Suttee - in which a Hindu widow was incinerated alive upon her deceased husband's funeral pyre). Carey also encouraged the ministry calling of Indians to be missionaries. Wm. Carey also pioneered the formation of the Agricultural Society of India in 1820 which revolutionized food production.

"We were once married to sin, but sin died and when it died, sin's authority died with it at the cross of Jesus Christ – with the source of sin's power (law) now being dead, we who trust in Christ have been set free to marry a second time (or to another) to Him Who is the one that God sent to set us free through Jesus Christ !

{ Illustration }

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

A Living Faith Brings an End In Sight

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship,

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Luke 8:43-48

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. 45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " 46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me. 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. 48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

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Mark 7:24-29

From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden. 25 For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician (Lebanese) by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs." 29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

A Living Faith Brings an End In Sight

John 14:1

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

Believe grk: pisteuo
to entrust, to be believing, to believe more and more.

A Living Faith Brings an End In Sight

Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

A Living Faith Brings an End In Sight

1 Peter 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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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.

Paul is now writing to his brothers according to the flesh, fellow Jews who have (followed the scriptures all the way to their natural-supernatural conclusion) which is - - that Jesus Christ was, is the Messiah of Israel.

The Jesus Christ of the Scriptures is The Jesus
that shatters the grip and power of our past.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Old Chains Like
the way we used to love this world.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Old Chains Like
the way we used to think about life.

1 Peter 4:3-4

For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them

Old Chains Like
the way we used to spend our resources in life.

(The Prodigal Son of Luke 15)

Old Chains Like
the way we used to think about who Jesus was, & is...

Luke 24:25-34

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. 28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed,

Our Radical Jesus

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg – or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman, or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.

–C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

2 Corinthians 5:9

Therefore, we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

This is only Possible by being espoused to Jesus Christ
Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship

2.) Knowing Real Love - When Faith Comes Alive

vs. 4

Knowing Real Love - When Faith Comes Alive
Getting Free From A Fatal Relationship

2a.) Know This – That His body took the blow

vs. 4a

Verse 4a

4a Therefore, my brethren, you also

This is a grand “therefore” as Paul is about to shout out
a radical, and theological hallmark of truth!

4 ...you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ,

What an Incredible declaration that only makes sense
in the Totality of Biblical doctrine (O.T. + N.T.)

“Having Become Dead or Being Dead”

The Sovereign and Sanctified Position
of the Follower of the Lord Jesus Christ is Unparalleled.

We're talking about having been born spiritually dead to God, but when the LORD made His love known to me – He made me to come alive by His grace.

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

I do not want to experience a Near Death Experience

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

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2b.) Know This – That His Death was a Gift

vs. 4b

Verse 4b

that you may be married to another –

? *Panic Mode* ?

But Wait – How Can I Be Espoused to Jesus When He is the One Who Died for Me?

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

How Does That Verse Apply to Me if Jesus died?

Revelation 1:17-18

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am The First and The Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Revelation 2:8

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, ‘These things says The First and The Last,
Who was dead, and came to life:

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2c.) Know This – That We Will Be Forever with Him

vs. 4c

Verse 4c

to Him who was raised from the dead. that we should bear fruit to God.

The Fruit Here is to Be Faithful to His Commands
from this time forward.

John 14:19b

Because I live, you will live also.

Galatians 2:20b-21

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ
lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son
of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do
not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

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