

Romans 7:1-6

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Freed from the Law

The Law and the Christian

Paul’s Point: What is my obligation to the law?

As a believer in Christ you are freed from the law. **V1**

Examples:

– Ex 20:7

– Ex 20:8-11

– Deuteronomy 14:3

- The law has definite limits!

Paul’s Example of Marriage – Rom 7:2-3

The Application: What can you do in Christ?

V4 – You can **now** produce good fruit

The product of true faith is always fruit.

8 My true disciples produce much fruit. This brings great glory to my Father. John 15:8 NLT

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

Our fruit should be evident in our character, our conduct and in the converts that come to Christ through our witness.

V5 – We *were* controlled by our **old nature**.

V6 – Now we are controlled by the Spirit.

One evidence of a Spirit-filled life is a life of service!

Spirit vs the Letter of the Law

- 2 Cor 3:6

Personally: Father, thank you for freeing me from the Law – to experience the abundant life in the Spirit.

✓ Next week: **The Law and the Christian**

The Constant Struggle - Rom 7:7-25