

Rom.7:1-6 Two Husbands

Rom.7:1-6 1 Or are you ignorant, brothers (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law lords it over the man as long as he lives? 2 For the married woman is bound by the law to her husband while he is living; but if the husband dies, she is discharged from the law regarding the husband. 3 So then if, while the husband is living, she is joined to another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man. 4 So then, my brothers, you also have been made dead to the law through the body of Christ so that you might be joined to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit to God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the passions for sins, which acted through the law, operated in our members to bear fruit to death. 6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held, so that we serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of letter.

1. What does Isa.54:5 say that our relationship to God should be?	
2. According to Gen.3:6-7, Rom.6:6 and Rom.7:2, who took God's rightful place?	
3. According to Rom.7:2, what means did God use to deal with the old man?	
4. Is the law intended for the wife or for the husband? (v. 5; 3:20; 5:20).	
5. What are the effects of the law of the old man? (see, 7:5; 3:20; 4:15; 5:20; 7:7) What do the following phrases mean? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where no law is, neither is there transgression • Law entered that the offense might abound. • Not known sin, except through law 	
6. Who is the married woman in 7:2? What is the difference between the married woman and the wrong husband?	
7. How can she be freed from the wrong husband? (Rom.6:6; 7:2-4, Gal.2:19)	
8. Who is the second, proper husband? (2Cor.11:2, 1Cor.11:3 Eph.5:23)	
9. When does the married woman become a wife to the rightful husband? (Gal.2:19-20, Rom.6:6, 7:4)	
10. Based on what we have covered so far, what are the dual statuses of the Christian?	
11. According to 7:4 in whose funeral and in whose wedding are we participating?	

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Rom.7:7 What then shall we say? Is the law sin? Absolutely not! But I did not know sin except through the law; for neither did I know coveting, except the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, seizing the opportunity through the commandment, worked out in me coveting of every kind; for without the law sin is dead. 9 And I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was unto life, this very *commandment* was found to me to be unto death. 11 For sin, seizing the opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. 12 So then the law is holy, and the commandment holy and righteous and good. 13 Did then that which is good become death to me? Absolutely not! But sin *did*, that it might be shown to be sin by working out death in me through that which is good, that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am fleshy, sold under sin. 15 For what I work out, I do not acknowledge; for what I will, this I do not practice; but what I hate, this I do. 16 But if what I do not will, this I do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 Now then *it is* no longer I *that* work it out but sin that dwells [*houses itself*] in me. 18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not. 19 For I do not do the good which I will; but the evil which I do not will, this I practice. 20 But if what I do not will, this I do, *it is* no longer I *that* work it out but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then the law with me who wills to do the good, that is, the evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inner man, 23 But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh, the law of sin.

8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

1. What are the one plus three laws? (Rom.7:22-23; 8:2)	
2. The law of God portrays God and defines Him? (Illustrate with Lev.19:2)	
3. What is the nature of the Law of God? (7:7, 12, 14)	
4. The law of God in relation to man is objective (7:22;)	
5. What is the relationship between the Law and sin? How does sin use the Law? Is the Law there to help us or does it help sin? (Rom.7:7-9, 13)	
6. Rom.7:10-11 shows us that the law is unto what? That the law is used by sin to do what?	
7. What is the power of sin? (1Cor.15:56)	
8. How is sin portrayed as deceiving us and killing us - can a thing deceive us? Sin is personified? (see 7:8, 11, 17, 20)	
9. Where in our being are the three inward laws operating? (7:17-20, 23; 8:16)	
10. A spiritual man is what? (Rom.8:4, 1Cor.2:15, 3:1; Gal.5:25)	
11. A soulish man, is one living in his soul under the direction of the soul, the natural life (1Cor.2:13-14)	
12. A fleshy and fleshly man, being of the flesh and living in the flesh under the influence of the nature of the flesh (1Cor.3:1,3; Rom.5:19, 7:20, 23)	
13. The body of sin is strong to sin against God and the body of death is weak to please God (Rom.6:6; 7:24)	

14. Is man totally depraved? Is there any good in man? (cf. 7:16-18 with 19-22)	
15. Where is the battle raging in our being? (7:22-23)	
16. What is the connection between the law of God and the law of good in our minds? (7:22-23; Col.2:0)	
17. When sin is dormant in us, it is merely sin, but when it is aroused in us by our willingness to do good, it becomes "the evil" which is the law of sin and death or the law in my members. (7:21, 23; 8:2)	
18. What causes us to feel our wretchedness before God? (7:14-20, 24, 25)	
19. Where is victory to be found? (1Cor.15:57, 8:2)	

Genesis 3:6-7 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make oneself wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate. And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Leviticus 19:2 Speak to all the assembly of the children of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy, for I, Jehovah your God, am holy.

Deuteronomy 5:21 Neither shall you desire your neighbor's wife, nor shall you covet your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant or his female servant, his ox or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Isaiah 54:5 For your Maker is your Husband; Jehovah of hosts is His name. And the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of the earth

Rom.1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers

Rom.3:20 Because out of the works of the law no flesh shall be justified before Him; for through the law is the clear knowledge of sin.

Rom.4:15 For the law works out wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

Rom.5:13 For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not charged to one's account when there is no law.

Rom.5:19-20 For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were constituted sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be constituted righteous. And the law entered in alongside that the offense might abound; but where sin abounded, grace has super-abounded,

Rom.6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with *Him* in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

Rom. 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

Rom.8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

1Cor.2:13-15 Which things also we speak, not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things with spiritual words. But a soulish man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to know *them* because they are discerned spiritually. But the spiritual man discerns all things, but he himself is discerned by no one.

1Cor.3:1 And I, brothers, was not able to speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to fleshy, as to infants in Christ.

1Cor.11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

1Cor.15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

1Cor.15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

1Cor.15:57 But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Cor.11:2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present *you* as a pure virgin to Christ.

Gal.2:19-20 For I through law have died to law that I might live to God I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Gal.5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:23 For a husband is head of the wife as also Christ is Head of the church, He Himself *being* the Saviour of the Body.