

Romans: The Gospel

Delivered From The Law

Romans 7:1-6

<p>Last week: Free from the <u>slavery</u> of sin</p> <p>This week: Delivered from <u>judgment</u> of the law</p>	<p>Delivery? Pizza? Amazon? New car? Baby? <u>Wait until the end...</u></p> <p>[Pray]</p>
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<p>:1-3</p> <p>Do you know the law?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of our land? MT? US? • Ignorance doesn't remove liability • Roman? Citizenship? • Jewish, Torah • God's law? 10 Commandments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jesus summed up <p>The Law's <u>Dominion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule, lord of, influence or force over • Police jurisdiction • Eminent domain • Death & taxes • Death's the only way out - <u>sometimes of the sentence!</u> 	<p>What happens when you break the law?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court • Jail • Fines • Loss of rights • Civil suits <p><i>California going after folks who've left...</i></p> <p>Due process, 5th Amendment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You've got to go through the system before the government can take away your freedoms (debatable) • You can appeal • higher and higher courts, Supreme Court <p><i>Schools don't teach finance or law...end up powerless slaves...what does church teach?</i></p>
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<p><i>Parables, earthly stories, heavenly meanings</i></p> <p>The familiar to explain the unfamiliar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slavery (wish we spent more time) • Marriage <p>"The ole' ball n' chain" <i>Who's the bigger dummy? The one who...</i></p> <p>Who invented marriage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God, creator of m/f, children, society 	<p>What is marriage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joining of one man and one woman together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physical attraction ○ Mental/emotional ○ Spiritual yoke • Lifelong covenant "til death do us part" • Not good for us to be alone! • Security for sickness, old age • Foundation for family, society • <u>Ultimately: Picture of Jesus and the church</u>
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What isn't marriage?

- Man's government created
 - before God and man
- Casual
- Just a tax break
- Union of anything we want...
- We use government approval as societal acceptance or moral justification

What's the one sin-less way out of marriage?

- Death
- *(we'll talk about divorce in a min)*

Paul uses the law of marriage to illustrate the power of the spiritual law

Both laws require death to be delivered from.

- If your spouse isn't dead, you're still married
- If you haven't died with Christ, you're still ruled by the law

*The Jews **said** they took marriage very seriously,*

yet they would get divorced for being a bad cook

Matthew 19:

Jesus talks about Moses giving in because their hearts were so hard

This isn't a message on divorce, but were here so let's talk about it briefly

The Bible only permits the end of a marriage if one of the partners is continually in sin or the hurt and damage is so bad it has to be cut off

It doesn't mean you've sinned if you've divorced for the Biblical reasons.

even if you have been divorced for wrong reasons, It doesn't mean God hates you.

Malachi 2:16a - "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates **divorce**,"

Some will try and argue this is a mistranslation, most scholars agree it is not.

Hates what? Divorce. Not you.

Do we have a problem with God hating things?

- How about child abuse?
- Murder?
- Injustice?

God doesn't hate divorce because he loves the law

He hates divorce because he loves you and divorce hurts you (and everyone involved)

Why?

... " For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "

The God of armies says this...
Hamas - violence, wrong, cruelty, injustice

And when he allows it, it's because he loves the one who needs it

But our definition of need and God's aren't always the same

<p>Even when Biblically necessary, <u>divorce itself</u> is still spiritually violent:</p> <p>Causes much pain, harm, life-long scars, broken homes, confused children, etc.</p> <p>It is cutting apart, ripping apart, two lives that became one - and all the lives that were joined by it, even society itself</p> <p><i>Living with a scar is better than living with an amputation...</i></p> <p><i>Unless it's gangrene, unhealable</i></p>	<p>Biblical reasons for divorce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adultery - unrepentant, continual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ even when repented of, the hurt is so deep, you may not be able to get over it - so God understands that deep pain and allows it ● Abandonment - they just up and leave, usually for adultery ● Abuse - one could argue the abuser has already left, already abandoned and worse ● Bible also talks about if they remarry, not to remarry them ● <u>Above all, if there's an opportunity to restore, that is the best way.</u> ● <u>Is that not what God does for us all?</u>
<p>This isn't a message about divorce, but about relationship - one with the law and freedom</p> <p>The law of marriage is the picture</p> <p>We are <u>ruled by the law - until death</u> - what we think/want <u>doesn't matter</u></p> <p><u>Because the law is the law</u></p> <p>Even if man's government says so God's law supersedes it</p>	<p>The picture is:</p> <p>The only way to be free from the laws of creation - is by <u>dying</u></p> <p>in heaven, there is no marriage Other than to Jesus</p> <p>You'll know your spouse, but the <u>relationship will be different</u></p> <p><u>Marriage isn't needed any longer</u> (hard to grasp!)</p>
<p>:4</p> <p>What's this picture of <u>marriage and the law</u> trying to teach us?</p> <p>Only death can separate us from our marriage to law and the judgment of sin</p> <p>Now that we're born again, our new life is one married to Jesus - free to righteousness</p>	<p>There's no way to be married to both We'd be having an affair</p> <p>The bigger purpose of marriage? (not just needs of husband/wife)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bear Fruit! ● Children! <p>Gen 1:28 "Then God blessed them...Be fruitful and multiply"</p> <p>It's not just a commandment, it's a blessing!</p>

<p>To be childless was historically viewed as a <u>curse</u></p> <p><i>Sarah, Rachel (mandrakes)</i></p> <p>If you want children and haven't or can't, <u>God is not cursing you</u></p> <p>Infertility itself, a result of a <u>broken world</u></p> <p>Let's think for a minute...</p>	<p>Our society devalued marriage, made divorce easy, now embraces not being married, not being faithful, not having children, and even murdering babies - Willful, purposeful infertility - as "healthcare"</p> <p><u>We say we love our children in this society...but we don't</u></p> <p><i>Abortion, low adoption, damaged marriages and homes that lead to foster care, abuse, Epstein...</i></p>
<p>Marriage's Earthly fruit reveals Heaven's Spiritual fruit</p> <p>The heavenly purpose of our marriage to Jesus - is to bear spiritual fruit to Him</p> <p>For Him to enjoy! The law can't do that!</p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23, 25 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ... If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.</p> <p>Marriage has plenty of joys, but having a baby is the biggest</p> <p>So, are we leading others to Jesus? Helping deliver spiritual babies?</p> <p>And like parenting, And raising them right and seeing them flourish is too</p> <p>3Jo 1:4 - I have no greater joy than to hear that my [spiritual] children walk in truth.</p> <p>Much like parenting Much like a good spouse...</p>	<p>The church is meant to be far more of a <u>family</u> than it is an organization or business</p> <p>Every home, every marriage will have business aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying bills, • taking out the trash <p>But it's all in service to the well-being of the family - the relationship, the fruit, the blessing</p> <p>So to, the believer with Jesus The believer within the church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bear fruit for our husband, • our savior <p>Not by the rule of law, but the liberty of love</p> <p>Just as marriage is a new life together Dead to singleness and every other relationship</p> <p>The same is for those (engaged) to Jesus</p> <p>We're not seeing anyone else on the side before the wedding and our new house</p>

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When we were dead in our flesh

- **Were you once dead?**
- **Are you now alive?**
If you're alive now, you'll recognize you used to be dead.

Back then...the flesh was provoked by the law to sin

**Law isn't wrong, did no wrong
When it came around sin reacted**

5-0! A pretty girl in a group, modern offense, money on the street

Our flesh will keep sinning until it gets the fruit it wants (no self control)

Hearts desires, minds thoughts, body's actions, until it comes to pass

What does the fruit do? Cause death!

James 1:13-16 - Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.** Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

Rom 13:14 - But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to [fulfill its] lusts.

**The flesh needs no room to work
Give the flesh an inch and it'll take the ruler**

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But now!

If you're a Christian, you're different!

How? Why?

Delivered from the law

- To render idle, unemployed!
- Inactive, inoperative
Cutting the red wire
- Deprived of force, influence, power
- Cease, terminate all "intercourse"

**The law and sin -
brutal, slavery power
But we've been delivered!**

Delivered from sin and the judgment of the law!

**Christian, judgment is not for you!
Reward is!**

Two judgments after death

- *Under the law, sin to death*
- *Married to Jesus, reward unto life*

Having died to what we were held by

Being a Christian means you died to the old ways, old you, old things that were killing you

You thought you were holding the things but they were holding you

I think when someone really comes to Christ it's because they've let sin kill them. When it's not a real conversion, they haven't gone through the death

Born again for a purpose To bear fruit!

Matthew 3:8 - "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

If you've really repented, it's ripe soil for fruit. If there's no fruit, maybe there's something in the soil preventing growth.

Four Types of Soil (Matthew 13)

- Wayside
- Rocky
- Thorny
- Good

The law is a hard place!

Bearing fruit cannot be done under the law! Only in grace!

How does a tree bear fruit? Just by abiding in good soil, taking it in, letting things grow

John 15:1-8 - "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. **Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

**Fruit only comes by the newness of Spirit
Not oldness of letter (of the law)**

How...a life giving spirit! [Jesus] (1 Cor 15:45)

Without the new life of God in you, by the law fulfilled in Him, you're still dead! And the fruit you bear is dead!

*The danger of cults and religions
Have the appearance, but no life!*

Mom's wax fruit

The system of the law only brings about judgment and death - why? Because we're sinful.

The law is not system designed for life. (It's a tutor)

New life. New fruit. New wine.

Mark 2:22

- New life can't live in the old ways
- New fruit can't grow in the old soil (heart)
- Fresh wine can't be made with sour grapes!

This is what we're delivered for:

- New life, new relationship
- Not through the law, but through Jesus

*Like with my wife, I don't woo her with the law
And I don't want her to make me a meal if it's only because she has to*

- **And we don't stay together because of the law**
- **We stay together because we love each other**
- **And we keep loving each other because we love Jesus**
- **And we love Jesus because...**

1Jo 4:17-19 - 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. There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **We love Him because He first loved us.**

And a loving relationship has no need for the law

Because it's not built on the law And Not held under the law

This is what you're delivered to When you're delivered from

Real Relationship with God

- **Through God**
- **By God**
- **Because of God**

Checking the boxes...

- Showing up at church
- Sharing the gospel
- Being kind

Doesn't matter - He's already pleased
How can you make him happier than Jesus's obedience on the cross?

Sure, sin grieves him
But not because he loves the law
Because he loves you
And it breaks your relationship

Either by outright sin
Or trying to use the law to justify yourself

Remember:
Don't ask the wrong question:
What can i get away with for myself
"Under the law"

Ask the right question?
What can I do with Jesus?
"Delivered to freedom"

You're delivered already

Now, let him deliver heaven to you

Eph 2:4-6 - But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised [us] up together, **and made [us] sit together in the heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus,**

Delivered, Invited, Seated

Don't insult Him by trying to be righteous on your own with the law!

I'll get my own seat. I'll pay my own way.

He's paid the fare to deliver you there!