

Romans: The Book On Salvation - Part 7 -

Romans 7:1-6

Marriage Analogy:

- The Marriage Bond is until death.
- If the husband dies she is free to marry another
- We were married to sin (the law we could not follow) and now we are married to another...Christ Jesus.
- Marriage analogies run throughout the Old and New Testaments and have amazing parallels.
 - Matthew 9:15 Jesus as the Groom will leave
 - Revelations 19:6-9 Marriage supper of the Lamb
- 4-6 We are dead to the Law and the sin it exposes, but are alive in the Spirit

Romans 7:7-13

Is the Law bad, or Sin? No, the law just highlights our Sin and eventually leads to faith in Christ.

- **Galatians 3:23-24** the law was the schoolmaster pointing them to Christ
- Without the law guiding our moral compass, we would not know sin.
- The law literally points to a higher Authority, in fact, it requires and gives evidence to that higher Authority.
 - Think of a traffic sign/signal, it's just a meaningless sign, without some authority behind it enforcing it and the penalty behind it.
- At one point Paul thought the Law brought life. He was a Pharisee and Studied under Gamaliel.
- Thought himself Blameless but was deceived, and the law exposed his sin.

Romans 7:14

Ordinances of the law and the carnal nature vs the Spiritual law and our spirit.

Romans 7:15-20

The internal struggle between the will to do good and our sin natures.

- This is essentially a battle between the old man “Saul of Tarsus” and the new spirit man “Paul the Apostle”
- Paul distinguishes between the two “In my flesh.” He clarifies that further by separating His true “I” as not the part of him that is “Sin”

Romans 7:21-24

- Have you ever noticed when you are trying to do a good thing Evil always shows up? Paul noticed it too.
- Paul did not externalize the evil like is common today. He took responsibility for it coming from his “Members” his flesh, his body which is cursed with a Sin nature.
 - We are quick to say we are fighting a spiritual battle.
 - When many times that spiritual battle is either inside of us or at least started there.
 - Sometimes we even start that spiritual battle from the wrong side.

Romans 7:25

- Paul firmly identifies Himself as his Soul/Spirit, separate from his flesh.

At this point in Romans Paul seems totally defeated by his own sin nature but In steps Jesus Christ. It’s a dismal place to be we can’t leave it there.

Romans 8:1-2

What is the “Therefore” there for? Underline it....

Verse 1 is one of those verses that gives “legalistic” Christians heart burn. So much so that even the translators/early church fathers added 10 words to the end of the verse that is pulled from further down in the chapter. It’s considered Interpolation. Meaning it was inserted to help you understand...

- It is that fear that people will think they can just sin after salvation, the “cheap” grace.
- Jesus Christ has made our spirits, our true selves Free from sin.

Additional/side Notes:

What does it take for us to change?

I ran across some old notes on 4 main themes that drive change. I think this is from John Maxwell...

- 1. When they hurt enough that they have to.**
- 2. When they see enough that they are inspired to.**
- 3. When they learn enough that they want to.**
- 4. When they receive enough that they are able to.**

If you study Paul's life you can see all 4 of these at work.

Jewish wedding notes:

Love was not the sole basis for Marriage it more heavily involved duty, honor, and responsibilities.

Shiddukhin - Match Making

Price is paid for the marriage

Gifts were often promised or given to the Bride to win them over.

The Bride had a choice.

Tradition groom to come to the door and knock if they were allowed in a meal would be served. Rev 3:20 I stand at the door and knock, – come in and dine.

Erusin - Betrothal

Legally binding Contract

There would be a public announcement

As part of the announcement phase, the Bride and the Groom would immerse themselves in Water

The Groom would declare the payment terms promising to pay any additional price and the gifts to the Bride

The Groom would then return to their Father's house and build a dwelling place for them.

The Brides job was to prepare for the Grooms return, Keep themselves pure, get their wedding garments ready.

The Bride and Groom are kept apart typically communicating through a friend.

The Bride learns about the Groom and Groom's Father.

Nissuin - Completion/consummation

The Groom would show up to take the bride, but only after the father's consent, that the Groom's house was ready.

The Groom would then go to the Bride's house blowing the Shofar as he approached and take the bride back to their new home at his father's house.

Then the marriage would be consummated. With proof of the Brides virginity being displayed.

The blood-stained cloth would be saved, in case there was ever a question of the purity of the Bride.

Then there would be a Feast for 7 days. The "marriage supper"