

Know ye not? Dead to the Law

“Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?”
- Romans 7:1

1. A repeated question

- a. Shall we continue in sin? God forbid. Why?
- b. We are dead to sin. (Rom 6:2)
- c. We are not under the law - we've been made free from sin, we've been made the servants of righteousness. (Rom 6:18)
- d. The gift of God is eternal life through Christ, not death. (Rom 6:23)

2. Free from the law?

- a. Redeemed from a curse, the curse of the law. Gal 3:10-13
- b. Victory over sin and death. The strength of sin is the law. (1 Cor 15:56-57)
- c. Free from a ministration of death. (2 Cor 3:7)
- d. Gentiles were never under the law. Yet they had a conscience. (Rom 2:14-15)
- e. The law could only prove you guilty. (Rom 3:19-21)
- f. Therefore we must have the righteousness of God without the law. (Rom 3:21-26)

3. Know ye not? That the law hath dominion over a man as long as he lives?

- a. Paul speaks to those who know the law (Jews). He also did this in Chapter 2. (Rom 2:17)
- b. Once a man has died, the law has no dominion. The law has no authority over the dead.
- c. As long as a man lives (in Adam), he is under the law. (Rom 7:2)
- d. An example of the law: marriage. (Rom 7:1-3)
 - i. If a married woman marries another while her husband lives? Adulterer.
 - ii. If a married woman marries another and her husband is dead? Not Adulterer.
 - iii. Laws lose power when death has occurred.
- e. Joined to another (Christ). A mystery fellowship. (Eph 3:9)
 - i. When you trusted the crosswork of Christ you were counted dead. (Rom 6:3)
 - ii. Then the law has no more to say, there is no fault to be found. You are free from the law. (Rom 7:3)
 - iii. But what if in death, there was life to be found in Christ? (Col 3:3-4)
 - iv. Then you could walk in newness of life, because Christ lives in you. (Gal 3:20-21)
 - v. This was a mystery. If we are in the body of Christ, the law is not over us. (Col 1:24-27, Col 2:13-17)
- f. You are become dead to the law and delivered from the law by the body of Christ. (Rom 7:4-6)