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- *Romans 7:4 -NKJV “Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another - to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.”*
 - *Therefore* – what’s it there for?
 - Let’s look at *Rom 6:22*
 - *brethren* – directed towards the Jewish believer, but many believers today live under this legal system.
 - ‘*have become dead to the law*’ – **positional truth**
 - Aorist passive indicative – **it’s a done deal**
 - made extinct, separated, powerless



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- Did the Law itself die?
- What law?
 - The Law of Moses
 - Commandments – *Ex 20:1-26*
 - Judgments (social life of Israel) – *Ex 21:1 – 24:11*
 - Ordinances (governing religious life) – *Ex 24:12-31:18, Ex 35-40, all of Leviticus, Num 1:1-10:10, 15, 17-19, 28-36*
 - *by the **body of Christ** ?*
 - *Col 1:22 – ‘in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight’*
- *that you may be married to another*
 - 1st mention in scripture of this intimate union



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- The foundation of our earthly marriages – *Eph 5:22-33*
- **The result of *Rom 6:3-8* and *Gal 2:19,20* truth!**
 - A reminder, what was/is the purpose of the Law?
 - » *Gal 3:23-25* - ‘*But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*’
 - *that we should bring fruit unto God*
 - Aorist active subjunctive (possibility)
 - *Rom 6:22* again - ‘*But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.*’



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- *Col 1:6* ‘which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;’
- **What fruit?**
 - Offspring as from a marriage?
 - JFB – ‘all the issues of this new life, in Christian obedience, are regarded as the "fruit" of this blessed union to the Risen One.’
 - » The fruit of the HS – *Gal 5:22,23*?
 - Gill – ‘so such works only are the true and genuine fruits of righteousness, which are in consequence of a marriage relation to Christ; are done in faith, spring from love, and are directed to the glory of God; and all others, which are done before marriage to Christ, and without faith in him, are like spurious and illegitimate children.’ – **conditional truth**
 - » And don’t forget the wood, hay and stubble as believers too – *I Cor 3:11,12*



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- *Romans 7:5 - NKJV “For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at (did) work in our members to bear fruit to death.”*
- *Rom 7:5 – Amplified “When we were living in the flesh (mere physical lives), the sinful passions that were awakened and aroused up by [what] the Law [makes sin] were constantly operating in our natural powers (in our bodily organs, in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh), so that we bore fruit for death.*



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- ‘*were*’ and ‘*did work*’ – imperfect tense (represents continual or repeated action) – **before and/or after salvation?**
- **Why is this so?**
 - **Is this flesh sinful or just subject to sin?**
 - Why does the Law have to result in *fruit unto death*?
 - The Law itself is holy – *Rom 7:12-14*
 - And purposeful – *Rom 7:7*
 - *passions (motions) of sin* is being marked/affected/afflicted by the roots
 - Remember ‘*there are none righteous, no not one*’ – *Rom 3:10*
 - And the Law is there to make this important truth known.
 - » *Gal 3:10* ‘*For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."*’
 - So what are these *passions of the flesh that are working in our members*?
 - » Are these our church members? *Just teasing!*



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- » *Gal 5:19-21* ‘Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God’ – **conditional truth**
- » *James 4:1* ‘Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?’
- But, the source of these passions has been dealt with –
 - *Gal 5:24* ‘And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.’ – **positional truth**
- *Romans 7:6* – NKJV “But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.”



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- What does it mean to be *delivered from the law*?
 - **to be (render) entirely idle (useless)**, literal or figurative :- **abolish**, cease, cumber, deliver, destroy, do away, **become (make) of no (none, without) effect**, fail, loose, **bring (come) to nought**, put away (down), vanish away, make void. - Strong's (*Rom 6:6* , ‘...*body of sin might be destroyed*’)
 - *Rom 6:22* – ‘*But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*’
 - *Gal 4:4,5* ‘*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*’
 - Aorist passive indicative – **it’s a done deal and a fact!**
- ‘*to what we were held*’ - imperfect passive
- ‘*that we should serve*’ – present active infinitive



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- *‘in newness of spirit and not the oldness of the letter’*
 - **Conditional truth** - not in our old way
 - » literal, mechanical obedience to the divine law
 - » to a set of external rules of conduct
 - » ‘but in that new way of spiritual obedience through union to the risen Saviour’ – JFB (*Rom 2:29, II Cor 3:6*)
 - *Rom 2:28,29 ‘For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.’*
 - *2 Cor 5:17 ‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.’*
 - *Phil 3:3 ‘For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,’*
 - **Have you been freed from the power of law-based systems? Condition depends on position!**