

Sermon Application Sheet

November 18, 2018

Sermon Outline

I. A Previous Bondage

- A. What Does it Mean to be Under the Law?
- B. An Illustration of that Authority

II. A New Freedom

- A. Freed by Death
- B. Freed to Bear Fruit

III. How to Know the Difference

- A. Living in the Flesh
- B. Living in the Spirit

Application Questions

1. Why do you think Paul uses the illustration of a marriage? What about the illustration is difficult to understand?

2. Why do you think Paul emphasizes the *resurrected* Christ instead of the *resurrection* of Christ in this passage?

3. How should the statement in verse 6 affect how you live? What does it mean to "serve in the new way of the Spirit?"

Romans 7:1–6 (ESV)

¹ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.