

# Welcome To

*Malvern Bible Chapel*



# **Sanctification 101—Part 3**

## **(Liberation From The Law)**

**Part of the Romans Preaching Series:  
The Gospel—the Power of God  
for Salvation**

**Romans 7:1-6**

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**Text: Romans 7:1-6 (NKJV)**

7 Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup> For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. <sup>3</sup> So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. <sup>6</sup> 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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## Introduction:

Outline of Romans so far:

**Introduction** (1:1-17): Theme stated “the Gospel of Christ reveals the righteousness of God”.

**Sin** (1:18-3:20): how righteousness is needed by the whole world that is guilty.

**Salvation** (3:21-5:21): how righteousness is imputed by the judicial process of justification.

**Sanctification** (Rom. 6:1-8:39): how our righteousness is imparted.

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## Introduction: (cont.)

### Review of Part 1

#### 1. **Know the truth** (6:1-10) [Envelopes]

Romans 3:21-5:21	Romans 6:1-8:39
Substitution: He died for me	Identification: I died with Him
He died for my sins	He died unto sin
He paid sin's penalty	He broke sin's power
Justification: righteousness imputed (put on my account)	Sanctification: righteousness imparted (made a part of my life)
Saved by His death	Saved by His life

#### 2. **Claim the truth (Reckon)** (6:11)

#### 3. **Apply the truth (Present)** (6:12-14)

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## Introduction: (cont.)

Review of Part 2

Paul compared and contrasted three things:

### A. Two kinds of masters

1. Sin (Disobedience, Unrighteousness, Law)
2. God (Obedience, Righteousness, Grace)

### B. Two kinds of slaves

1. Slaves of Unrighteousness (Lawlessness)
2. Slaves of Righteousness (Holiness)

### C. Two kinds of rewards (wages)

1. Death (Eternal separation from God)
2. Life (Eternal intimacy with God; in Christ Jesus our Lord)

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## Body of Lesson:

Now we will learn why the statement “we are not under law but under grace” is true, using an illustration from civil law.

### **Hypothetical scenario of a strained marriage relationship (v.1-3)**

- Husband
- Wife (she desires to leave, but can't)
- Law (would judge her guilty of adultery)

### **“Therefore” (by the same reasoning) (v.4-6)**

- Husband (note that it is he who dies)
- Wife (now free to remarry without committing adultery)
- Law (still in effect, but the wife is released or liberated from it)

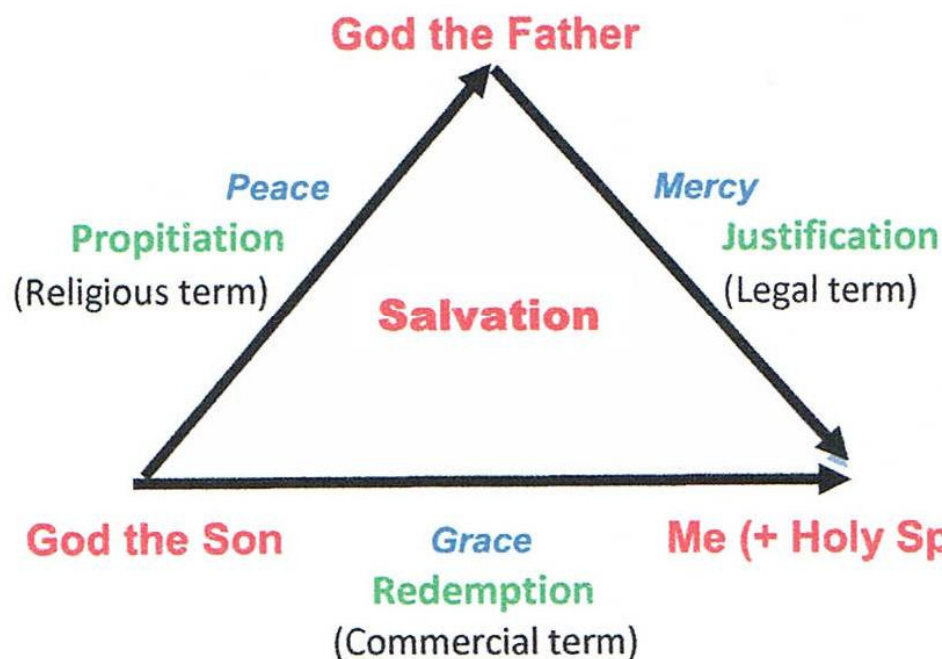
The one to whom the believer had been married to has now died and with him the marital obligations to sin (6:2,18,22). We have been liberated from the law, having died to that which we were held by (7:6).

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God gave the law to accomplish two objectives:

**1. The law exposes our sins and our need of salvation (v.1-3).**

- God gave us His law to confront us with our sin so that we might repent and come to Him in faith and ask for forgiveness and receive His gift of salvation. This chart summarizes salvation:



**Notes:** *Salvation* has nothing to do with me (except believing/faith); it has everything to do with God!  
*Mercy* comes from God the Father (not giving us what we do deserve);  
*Grace* comes from God the Son (giving us what we don't deserve).  
*Sanctification* is the transformation in me as I allow the Holy Spirit to work.



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God gave the law to accomplish two objectives:

**2. The law exposes our sinfulness and our need of sanctification (v.4-6).**

- The law arouses our rebellious nature into action (v.5).
- It demonstrates our inability to help ourselves; proves our need for God to work with us by the Holy Spirit to change our hearts.
- Paul calls this rebellious nature “the flesh”; it is opposed to the Holy Spirit. To be “in the flesh” is summed up in Rom. 1:18-32.
- *But now*, we have been released from carrying out the objectives of sin (v.6). Our relationship to the law has been changed.
- Our new nature (“Spirit”) isn’t opposed to His will.
- Christ came to fulfill the purpose of the law—to bring us into this new intimate relationship after dealing with the sin question and giving us the desire and power to become more like Him.
- This is the grace of God at work leading to our sanctification.

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## Application:

How I have applied these principles—my testimony.

Proverbs 3:5-6 are probably my life verses:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.

- My sin was exposed at the age of 10½, and I realized my need of salvation. I trusted in the LORD; by faith I was saved (Rom. 10-9-10).
- My sinfulness was exposed when for the rest of my life I realized my need of sanctification. To become more and more like Christ requires a daily pursuit of holiness. I need to allow the LORD to have all my heart. I need to do all the things we have been talking about recently.

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## Testimony (cont.)

- God's ways are not our ways. We can't figure God out with our own understanding (if we could He would cease to be God!). The minute we trust in our own understanding we fail!
- When we put Him first in our lives (acknowledge Him and His lordship over our lives), then He promises to direct our paths (make the way straight).
- This is really a cycle that repeats itself over and over in our lives: training in pharmacy, marriage to Glenda, missionary service in Africa (25 years), raising 4 children in Africa, return to the USA, church work at MBC, grand parenting, industrial pharmacy R&D work (13 years), medicinal plant research and DRC Hope Pharmacy Project, and now overseas missionary service again (on a limited basis) while continuing to serve at MBC! [Apply Prov. 3:5-6 cycle to our situation today.]

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## Testimony (cont.)

- The rest of our lives, since the time we trusted Christ to be our Savior and Lord, is our time to learn to be like Christ as we are progressively sanctified and prepared, beginning now, to spend eternity with Him.
- This training time and the process of becoming more and more like Christ (sanctification) is more important than anything we could ever *do* for God! God doesn't need our service—He needs and prepares us!
- The wonderful thing is that God doesn't just force sanctification on us, any more than he forces salvation on us! When we realize that we should become more like Christ, and have the desire to be like Him, then He allows us to participate with Him in this life-long process of sanctification, and He gives us the power by the Holy Spirit to do it!
- In God's timing He takes us home to heaven to be eternally with Him and to be like His Son because we have been practicing here on earth!