

A NEW COVENANT.

INTRO.:

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A. Text: **Romans 7.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. The 1st Century Jews wanted to hold on the Law of Moses.
2. The old law spoke of a time when there would come a new law (**Isa. 2:1-3**).
3. **Romans 7** teaches that all men are now under this new law.
 - 1) He uses the marriage law to illustrate this fact.
 - 2) Christians are dead to the Old Law and are now married to another.
 - 3) They are under a better covenant (**Heb. 8:6**).
 - 4) Christ is the mediator of the new covenant (**Heb. 12:24**).

C. **Chapter 7** shows the problem of seeking justification under the Old Law.

DISCUSSION: FROM CHAPTER 7 WE OBSERVE...

I. WE ARE NOT UNDER THE OLD COVENANT (7:1-5).

A. Christians are not under the Law of Moses (**1**).

1. How does one become a Christian?
 - 1) Not by the Mosaic Law. BUT by obeying the Gospel (**Rom. 1:16**).
 - 2) **Rom. 6:14** "for ye are not under the law..."
2. That law was removed by the blood of Christ (**Col. 2:14**).

B. This principle is illustrated (**2-3**).

1. The wife is bound to her husband as long as her husband lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry someone else.
 - 1) Otherwise, it is adultery (**Matt. 19:9**).
 - 2) Because she cannot have two husbands.
2. Marriage is a covenant. ("Till death do we part.")

C. **Vs. 4-6: "Wherefore..." (applying the illustration.)**

1. Those who had been under the Law of Moses are now freed from that law by Christ's death; they are free to be joined to another.
2. Israel committed spiritual adultery when they became idolatrous (**Jer. 3:9**).
3. They became dead to the Old Law **BY** the death of Christ (**Gal. 3:16-19**)!

D. Notice: When men try to live under BOTH the old and new law it is as a woman/man having two mates.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE OLD LAW (7-23).

A. The Law of Moses did not produce sin... it defined.

B. Note **verses 7-9**.

1. **Vs. 7-8**: God's commandment was not the source of the evil desire.
 - 1) SIN is "the transgression of the law" (**1 John 3:4; James 1:14-15**).
 - 2) **James 1:14-15**.
2. **Vs. 9**: When could he have been alive without the law? Before accountability.

C. **Vss. 10-11: Commandments did not bring death, but the violation of the command (**Gen. 3; Psalm 19:7-14**).**

D. **Vss. 12-23: Description of the inner war.**

1. There is a constant struggle between the law of the mind and the law of the flesh.
2. **Vs. 14**. We are flesh and must control unlawful desires.

III. THE SOLUTION (24-25).

A. Rejoice because we have a law that sets us free (**6:23; 2 Cor. 9:15**).

B. Christians are married to Christ.

C. We must honor our covenant with Him.

1. We do that by living by the New Testament.

D. Requires OBEYING the gospel (**Mark 16:15-16; Acts 22:16**).