

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for March 18, 1990**

**“Dead to the Law”**  
**Romans 7: 1-6**

Introduction - Psalm 19: 7-10, reminds us how holy and beautiful the law is. It is sweeter than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb, but at the same time the law condemns us, the law damns us. The law brings us under the sentence of death.

Romans 6:14. “For sin shall not be master over you for you are not under the law but under grace.” Romans 7 is an explanation of this verse.

1. Axiom: A Basic truth; the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives. The law has no jurisdiction when that person dies.

Analogy: Marriage

Like death releases one from marriage so death releases us from the law. Romans 6:2-3 says “...we who died to sin...baptized into His death.” When we died with Christ we became free of the law. Also, like the marriage where in death one can be joined to another, in our death with Christ, we are released from the law and joined to another, Jesus Christ who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God. We have died to the law, now transformed, new creatures who will bear fruit for God. Everything done in the name of Jesus in His power and action is fruit.

V. 5, “For while we were in the flesh”; controlled by, mastered by the flesh.

V. 6, Now we have been set free, our spirit has been joined with the spirit of Jesus. The law required working to be saved, but now is the newness of the Spirit we are free from that. Serving Christ in a new way because we want to, because of what He has done for us.