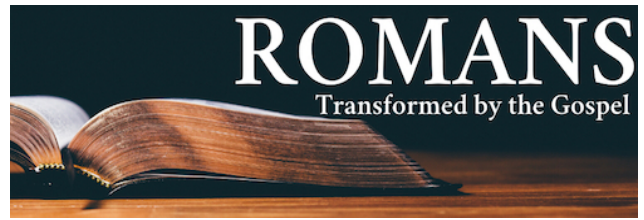


The New Way of the Spirit!

July 12th, 2020 – Romans 7:1-6
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Understanding Romans 7:1-6

1. The Audience: Paul is addressing **Jewish** Christians.
2. The Principle: The law (covenant) is only binding to the **living**.
3. The Illustration: Paul uses **marriage** to clarify his point.
4. The Point: Paul concludes that Jewish believers are no longer bound to the **Old** Covenant, but bound to **Christ**.
5. The Purpose: Our union with Christ under the New Covenant exists to bear **fruit** for God.

Implications for Us

1. We are not **bound** to the Old Covenant.
2. We **belong** to Jesus Christ under the New Covenant.
3. We **bear** fruit for God through the working of the Holy Spirit within us.
 - a. The Spirit works in you to change **you!** (Gal. 5:22-23)
 - b. The Spirit works through you to change the **world!** (Acts 1:8)

Discussions Questions

1. The Scriptures teach us that Christians belong to God. How should this truth impact a believer's life?
2. What are some of the "fruits" that life under the New Covenant should bring?
3. Why does our motive for bearing fruit for God matter? Do you find yourself sometimes doing things to gain God's approval? If you were to describe the best motive for bearing fruit for God in one word, what would that word be?
4. What can you do to become more consciously aware of the what the Holy Spirit is doing in you and what He desires to do through you?

Next Steps: July Reading Plan (Week 2)

Day One: 1 Tim. 6

Day Two: 2 Tim. 1

Day Three: 2 Tim. 2

Day Four: 2 Tim. 3

Day Five: 2 Tim. 4

Journaling Tip:

Sometimes I find it helpful to think about what I read all day and journal a thought about the reading at the end of the day that seemed to come up in my mind several times.

Next Week's Sermon: Romans 7:7-25

July Scripture Memory:

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

Luke 6:46-49 (ESV)