

Romans

Released from the Law ([Romans 7:1-6](#))

Read: Released from the Law (7:1-6)

Explain: Released from the Law (7:1-6)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

1 **Or do you not know** [present active indicative], **brothers—for I am speaking** [present active indicative] **to those who know** [present active participle] **the law** [*nomos*]**—that the law is binding on** [present active indicative; _____, have dominion over, lord, be lord of, exercise lordship over] **a person only as long as** [fixed or special occasion, interval, opportunity, delay] **he lives** [present active indicative]? 2 **For a married woman is bound** [perfect middle indicative; bound, in bonds, knit, _____] **by law to her husband while he lives** [present active participle], **but if her husband dies** [present active participle; has died off, is dead, died, lies a-dying, is slain] **she is released** [perfect middle indicative; to be entirely idle (useless), abolish, cease, cumber, destroy, do away, become of no effect, fail, loose, bring to naught, put away, vanish away, make void] **from the law of marriage.** 3 **Accordingly** [by inference, drawing a conclusion], **she will be called** [future active indicative; utter an oracle, intimate, bear as a _____, be called, be admonished, reveal, speak] **an adulteress if she lives** [second aorist active subjunctive; becomes, comes into existence, begins to _____, comes to pass, comes upon the stage, finishes] **with another** [other, different, strange] **man while her husband is alive** [present active participle]. **But if her husband dies** [second aorist active subjunctive], **she is free** [present middle indicative; unrestrained to go at pleasure, not a slave, exempt from obligation or liability, free, at liberty] **from that law, and if she marries** [second aorist active participle; becomes, comes into existence, begins to be, comes to pass, comes upon the stage, finishes] **another** [other, different, strange] **man she is** [present middle infinitive] **not an adulteress.**

4 **Likewise, my brothers, you also have died** [aorist middle indicative] **to the law through** [*dia*] **the body of Christ, so that you may belong** [second aorist active infinitive; becomes, comes into existence, begins to _____, comes to pass, comes upon the stage, finishes] **to another** [other, different, strange], **to him who has been raised** [aorist middle participle] **from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit** [aorist active subjunctive (probability or _____)]; be fertile, bear fruit, bring forth fruit,

be fruitful] **for God**. **5 For while we were living** [imperfect middle indicative] **in the flesh, our sinful** [offences, sins] **passions** [hardships, pains, emotions, influences, affections, afflictions, motions, sufferings], **aroused by** [*dia*] **the law, were at work** [imperfect middle indicative; active, efficient, effectual, mighty, shewed forth, worked] **in our members to bear fruit** [aorist active infinitive; be fertile, bear fruit, bring forth fruit, be fruitful] **for death**. **6 But now we are released** [aorist middle indicative; to be entirely idle (useless), abolish, cease, cumber, destroy, do away, become of no effect, fail, loose, bring to naught, put away, vanish away, make void] **from the law, having died** [second aorist active participle; has died off, is dead, died, lies a-dying, is slain] **to that which held us captive** [imperfect middle indicative; to _____, have, hold fast, possess, retain, seize on, stay, take, withhold; same word used in **Romans 1:18**], **so that we serve** [present active infinitive; be a _____] **in the new way** [renewal, newness] **of the Spirit and not in the old way** [antiquatedness, oldness] **of the written code** [writing, letter, note, epistle, book, learning, scripture].

Are there any repeated words or topics?

4 Are Christians under obligation to keep the Old Testament Law? _____

Apply (What is the point?)

1. **Barclay: Death cancels all contracts**
2. Evidence and examples support the main idea
3. "Christian" means something
4. Jesus releases Christians from the Law

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Serve the right _____
2. Focus on the _____ idea
3. Be _____-like
4. Serve in the Spirit and be _____

Next week: The Law and Sin (7:7-25) (1/2)

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: **Romans** (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS
- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read (**Romans**)
- Talk (about **Romans**—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to jim314@yahoo.com by Wed)