

An Illustration From Marriage - Romans 7:1-6

Topics: Change, Growth, Holy Spirit, Law, Marriage, New Life

Open It

1. What were some of the basic rules of behavior you were taught as a child?
- * 2. How do your present values differ from the ones you were taught as a child?

Explore It

3. What illustration did Paul use to explain a Christian's relationship to the written law? (7:1-3)
4. Whom does the husband represent in Paul's illustration? (7:2-3)
5. Whom does the married woman represent in Paul's illustration? (7:2-3)
- * 6. To what did Paul compare the death of a woman's husband? (7:2-5) Why?
7. What is the purpose or goal of a Christian's new life? (7:4)
8. What changes a person's relationship to the Law? (7:4-6)
- * 9. What are the primary differences between the old life under the Law and the new life in the way of the Spirit? (7:4-6)
10. What controls a person before he or she becomes a Christian? (7:5)
- * 11. How is a person released from being bound by the Law? (7:6)
12. How does the Christian's new life compare with the old life? (7:6)

Get It

13. What role should God's written law play in a Christian's life?
14. What keeps a Christian from sinning if the penalties of the Law have been forgiven by God?
15. How can strict adherence to God's law affect a Christian negatively?
- * 16. What does it mean to be a new person in Christ?
17. How can the Spirit help us please God in a way that following the Law couldn't?
18. How do a person's attitudes and outlook on life change when he or she comes to Christ?
19. How can knowing that God loves you unconditionally change your behavior?
- * 20. What is the difference between keeping religious laws and following the Spirit of Christ?

Apply It

- * 21. What old ideas about pleasing God through religious activity do you need to discard this week?
22. What can you do this week to build your living relationship with Christ instead of merely following the rules?