

# STRUGGLE!

ROMANS CHAPTER 7

## #16 To Be Free

### Part 1

#### Romans 7:1-6 (ESV)

**Romans 7:1** *Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup> For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup> Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup> Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup> For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

#### Salvation in Three Acts:

Act 1: The Past/We have **been Justified**, set free from the penalty of sin.

Act 2: The Present/We are **being Sanctified**, setting us free from the practice and power of sin.

Act 3: The Future/We will **be Glorified** as we will be set free from the very presence of sin.

#### Four Points Of Wisdom Regarding The Law:

1. **Point Number 1:** Our **RELATIONSHIP** to the Law
  - a. **Romans 7:1** *Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?*

- b. We are **NO LONGER UNDER** the Law.
  - i. Get rid of your **RELIGION**.
- c. Does this mean **THE LAW IS INVALID**?
  - i. We live a **NEW LAW**, the **LAW OF LOVE**.
  - ii. We live to satisfy our **SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST**.

#### What Does This Mean For Us Today?

1. Do we live to **FOLLOW THE RULES** or live a **LIFESTYLE OF LICENSE**?
2. We live a **GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE**.
  - a. It frees us from **JUDGMENTALISM**.
  - b. It frees us from **SELF-SALVATION**.
  - c. It is a life focused on **LIVING WHO I AM**.

***Do You Know Who You Are In Christ Today?***

Next week, we'll discuss the remaining Three Points of Wisdom.