

Romans # 093

“DEAD TO THE LAW, RELEASED TO SERVE”

‘Focusing on the Ruler, not the rules!’

Romans 7:3-4

The Law cannot save the sinner nor release him from his bondage to sin.

As Christians, we have 4 new relationships; 1) we are dead to sin/our sin nature

2) we are released from the law’s authority/dead to it also

3) we are alive in the Living Christ, belonging to Him

4) and we have a new relationship with a new purpose; to bear fruit for God.

Divine faithfulness is the grace expression of God’s perfect character and essence to the believer.

Divine faithfulness is possible because of the propitiatory work of Christ on the cross that removed any compromise of God’s essence.

Faithfulness is the consistency of God’s character to do the same thing every time on the basis of who and what Christ is.

God is consistent and He can afford to be consistent because of the blood of Jesus Christ.

God is faithful to the carnal or rebellious believer; 2nd Timothy 2:13

‘If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot disown Himself’

In other words, God cannot turn around and say:

“All right, you are unfaithful to Me,

I’ll show you, I’ll be unfaithful to you.” He can’t do that because He’s God.

The very existence, function, provision and blessings of the royal family now and forever, depend on the faithfulness of God; therefore, they depend on the unbending character of God.

Faith-rest is the function of the believer when he uses biblical truth, principles and promises; everything he’s ever learned about the Bible.

Faith-rest is not only claiming God’s promises and principles but it’s at the same time, thinking divine viewpoint.

Faith-rest is everything a believer uses from the Word of God.

There are many types of fear but faith-rest overcomes all of them; Psalm 56:3 ‘When I am afraid, I put my trust in You’.

This is faith-rest in overcoming a mental attitude sin called fear.

Overcoming worry is a function of faith-rest 1st Peter 5:7

‘Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.’

The Mosaic law and its principles form the pattern of policy for all good national government.

And Codex #1 of the Mosaic law, the 10 commandments points out the problem, while Codex #2, the ordinances presents the solution to the problem.

This divorce includes identification with Christ in

His spiritual death or rejection of the 1st husband and identification with Christ in His physical death or separation from the 1st husband and also identification with Christ in His burial which is the actual divorce from the 1st husband, the sin nature.

But our new husband has policies that must be communicated and understood; so God delegated authority which must be accepted before we can ever please the 2nd husband.

Maturity adjustment to God through maximum biblical truth in the soul makes the believer's experience equal to his position but not until the maturity barrier is broken.

The married woman produces this action with a man other than her husband and by analogy, this is a believer with one other than the Lord Jesus.

As far as the analogy is concerned, the 1st husband, the sin nature, does not actually die; death here is a divorce.

While the wife dies to the 1st husband by divorcing him at salvation, the husband, the sin nature, does not die to the wife in the sense that he wants her back and therefore remains very active in trying to seduce her back to the 1st marriage.

By union with Christ in His spiritual death, the believer or wife has positionally rejected, positionally separated from and positionally divorced good and evil and by current positional truth, has married the Lord Jesus Christ.

Married to Christ through current positional truth means greater things for us and demands greater things from us.

We are now married to another for the sake of production.

To die with reference to the law means that the Mosaic law, the marriage counsellor in the 1st marriage is no longer operational and we move on to a higher marriage counsellor because the Mosaic law has fulfilled its function in providing information for the divorce of the 1st husband.

No one bears fruit for God in spiritual death; we must be alive to God before we can bear fruit for God and this is accompanied through maximum truth resident in the soul resulting in spiritual maturity adjustment to the justice of God.

PARTING QUESTION:

Will you fall in love with Jesus Christ today and let Him live His life in and through you, focusing on the Ruler, not the rules?