



FREE FROM THE LAW TOO

If righteousness has nothing to do with keeping the law — if it's down to faith and faith alone — do all those Old Testament rules and regulations that were so important to the Jews not matter any more? That is the question Paul sets out to answer at the start of Romans chapter 7.

- ◆ What is the common-sense principle that Paul starts to reason from? (verse 1)

- ◆ What illustration does Paul use to help us get what he is saying? (verses 2 and 3)

- ◆ Some people make this paragraph in Paul's letter more difficult for themselves by trying to make Paul's illustration say more than he intended it to say. What are the two mistakes they commonly make?

- ◆ What does it mean to be dead to the law? (verse 4)

How did it happen that we are dead to the law?

What does being dead to the law make us free to do?

What does it mean to bear fruit to God?

◆ What do you understand the word “flesh” to mean, as Paul uses it in verse 5?

How does Paul describe life in the flesh?

◆ What does being dead to the law leave us free to do? (verse 6)

Try to describe what serving in the newness of the Spirit is like in practice.

◆ What is the main point that’s been established in these six verses?