

Romans 7:1-13

NEW
NORMAL

A close-up photograph of a person's hand pointing towards a row of six wooden blocks. The first three blocks are stacked vertically, with the top block showing 'N', 'E', and 'W' in green, and the bottom block showing 'N', 'O', and 'R' in black. The remaining three blocks are stacked horizontally, showing 'M', 'A', and 'L' in black. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage and a wooden surface.

Justification (Romans 3-5)

all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are **justified freely by His grace** through the **redemption** that came **by Christ Jesus**. (Romans 3:23-24)

...a man is **justified by faith apart from observing the law**. (Romans 3:28).

For it is **by grace** you have been saved, **through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **not by works**, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

New Life (Romans 6)

We were therefore **buried with him through baptism into death** in order that, just as **Christ was raised from the dead** through the glory of the Father, **we too** may live a **new life**. (Romans 6:4)

...count yourselves **dead to sin** but **alive to God in Christ Jesus**.
(Romans 6:11)

For **sin** shall **no longer** be your **master**, because you are **not under the law**, but **under grace**. (Romans 6:14)

New Life (Romans 6)

You have been **set free from sin** and have become **slaves to righteousness**. (Romans 6:18)

But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have become **slaves of God**, (Romans 6:22)

The New Normal (Romans 7:1-13)

1. Released from the Law (7:1-6)
2. Benefit from the Law (7:7-13)

Released from the Law (7:1-6)

Romans 7:1-3

Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? 2 For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if **her husband dies**, she is released from the law that binds her to him. 3 So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is **released from that law** and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

Released from the Law (7:1-6)

Christ's death on the cross **satisfied** the law and **released** the Jewish believers from **the law** so that they may **enter** into a **new relationship with Christ**.

Released from the Law (7:1-6)

Romans 6:6 says “For we know that **our old self was crucified with him** so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with”.

Our old husband is our old self, our old practices, pattern, desire, ambition, our old moral system.

Released from the Law (7:1-6)

Romans 7:4-6

4 So, my brothers and sisters, **you also died to the law through the body of Christ**, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we **might bear fruit for God**. 5 For when we were **in the realm of the flesh**,^[a] the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we **bore fruit for death**. 6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we **serve in the new way of the Spirit**, and **not in the old way of the written code**.

Released from the Law (7:1-6)

We are released from the Law “In order that we might **bear fruit for God (v.4).**” and to **serve God in the new way of the spirit (v.6).**

Released from the Law (7:1-6)

Fruit of death (v.5) VS Fruit of God (v.4) - Galatians 5:19-23

While **the law** governs people from the **outside in**, the **transformation by the Holy Spirit** is from the **inside out**.

Romans 7:6 we **serve in** the new way of the **spirit (inside out)**, and **not** in the old way of the **written code (outside in)**.

Benefit from the Law (7:7-13)

3 Good things the Law does:

1. **Reveals sin as sin** – v.7 “What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

Benefit from the Law (7:7-13)

3 Good things the Law does:

1. Reveals sin as sin
2. **Provoke sin** – v. 8 “But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.”

Benefit from the Law (7:7-13)

3 Good things the Law does:

1. Reveals sin as sin
2. Provoke sin
3. **Reveals sin's power** – v. 9-13 “Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. 10 I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. 11 For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. 12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

Benefit from the Law (7:7-13)

3 Good things the Law does:

1. Reveals sin as sin
2. Provoke sin
3. Reveals sin's power

The Law shows us our hopeless state in sin which position our hearts to receive and live under God's amazing grace.

The New Normal (Romans 7:1-13)

Romans Ch.6 v14 says “For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but **under grace.**”

The live in the **new normal** of our life in Christ, is to **live under God's grace.**