

Galatians 5:1-6 —

No Law, More Sin?

Romans 6:15-16; 7:1-6

2. Even though a Believer has been set free from the Law as a rule of life, he/she is still required to “fulfill the requirements of the Law”. How does this happen without being “under the Law”?

Hint:

Romans 8:3-4 —

Galatians 5:16-18 —

As we come to Romans 6:15, Paul asks another question: “Shall we sin because we are not under law, but under grace?” This question is asked in anticipation to comments or criticism that could arise from what he said in verse 14: “... for you are not under law, but under grace!” Knowing how people reason, Paul wanted to put an end to any thought that “because we are not under law we are free to live any way we want, even sin!” In fact he says, “May it never be!” Why? Well Paul answers that question. **In Romans 6:1-14 Paul dealt with the issue of *sinning more to receive more GRACE*, in verses 15-16 he introduces the issue of *sinning more because we are not under the Law but under GRACE*.**

I. Setting the Stage: *Two Profound Truths - (6:14,15)***1. We are not “_____” law!**

The Law does not _____ over a believer!

“to be ***under Law*** means to be under to power of the Law as a rule of life or that which controls our life. The Believer is “released from the Law” as that which must be adhered to for acceptance before God.

We are free from the Law as a _____ of _____!

BUT ...

2. Freedom from the Law does _____ give us “_____ to sin!” (6:15)

God _____! May it never be! Perish the _____!

“Sin” = Aorist tense indicating even one act of sin.**Gal 5:13 —**

Martyn Lloyd Jones wrote, “That does not mean that we are lawless, or that we are a law unto ourselves. We are not to argue, ‘Oh, if we are not under law, then we are free, we can do what we like, we can do what we choose’ As a Christian I am never

lawless, I am not under the Law in the old sense, but that does not mean that I am absolutely free and antinomian and do not recognize law at all."

II. Explaining our Freedom from the Law: *An Illustration from marriage - (7:1-6)*

1. We are under the bondage of the Law until a _____ happens! (7:1-3)

2. We are "_____" from the bondage of the Law through our _____ with Christ (7:4a)

Just as we died to our enslavement to _____ through our participation in Christ's death & resurrection, so we are _____ from the Law in the same way!

III. Concluding the Message: *Should we sin because we are not under law? No!*

BUT ...

1. . . We were "released" from the Law so we can "_____ " for God! (7:4b)

"fruit" = A life that is lived to the GLORY OF GOD! A life that "pleases Him". Colossians 1:9-10; Eph. 5:8-10

2. . . . We were "released" from the Law so we can "_____ " God through the Holy Spirit! (7:6)

"serve" = DOULOS - to be a fully committed slave to live righteously in an unrighteous world. (cf. 6:18)

"through the Holy Spirit" = (see Romans 8:4)

We "fulfill" the requirements of the Law through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCUSSION NOTES

Please take a little time to prepare for a discussion of this message in Sunday School next week.

REVIEW & DISCUSSION:

1. Read Romans 6:14-15 & 7:1-7 several times so your mind will be refreshed with its content.
2. What was the issue that the apostle Paul was addressing in these passages?
3. What was his answer to the issue?
4. Did this message help you in your understanding of a believers relationship to the Law? How?

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. The book of Galatians was written to deal with those who were trying to put Believer's under the requirements of the Old Testament Law, so Paul hit that issue head-on by giving clear instructions about the Believer and the Law.

Discuss what he said about the Law and the Believer in the following passages:

Galatians 2:15-21 —

Galatians 3:12-14 —

Galatians 3:23-27 —

Galatians 4:4-7 —