

# ANALOGY - EXPLANATION – ROMANS 7:1-6

⊗	<b>Woman</b>	<b>The Law</b>	<b>First Husband</b>	<b>Second Husband</b>
<b>ANALOGY (v.2-3)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The woman is already married to her first husband (v.2).</li> <li>• The woman is bound by law to her first husband as long as he lives (v.2).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The principle of the law is universal. Only death will release those bound to it (v.2).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the first husband dies, she is released from the law of that husband (v.2).</li> <li>• If the first husband remains alive, and she marries a second husband, she will be an adulteress (v.3).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the first husband dies, she is released from that law (v.3).</li> <li>• If the first husband dies, she would not be an adulteress though she marries a second husband (v.3).</li> </ul>
<b>EXPLANATION (v.4-6)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The woman is a wife (in the analogy)</li> <li>• The woman is first an unbeliever who becomes a believer (in the explanation).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WOMAN:</b> <i>Becomes a believer</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The law demands death.</li> <li>• The law does not die.</li> <li>• When we were “in the flesh” the law aroused sinful passions in our members (v.5).</li> <li>• Believers died in Christ. So the law no longer has jurisdiction over believers.</li> <li>• Our motivation no longer comes from the law, but from God’s grace working through us.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LAW:</b> <i>Condemns</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the first husband (our association with Adam) dies, she is released from the law’s binding condemnation.</li> <li>• As long as we are “in Adam” or “in the flesh,” if she tries to associate with a second husband (Christ) she becomes an adulteress (“friend of the world,” Ja.4:4). She still wants to hold on to the first husband.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST HUSBAND:</b> <i>Position in Adam</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If her association with her first husband (Adam) is broken by death, she will no longer be condemned by the law.</li> <li>• She would not be an adulteress because she disassociated with her first husband (Adam) to be married (associated) with the second husband (Christ).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECOND HUSBAND:</b> <i>Position in Christ</i></p>

**SUMMARY**

In the analogy it is the first husband that dies. In the explanation it is the woman who dies. The only way she could marry again would be if she comes back from the dead. She does die and come back from the dead giving her a new relationship to the law. We are no longer under its bondage. Salvation is a complete change of relationship. We are no longer associated with Adam, but with Christ.