

DEAD TO THE LAW — ROMANS 7:1-6

The AXIOM (v.1)

Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? (Ro.7:1)

- *Anybody who knows law knows that law only has dominion over living people.*



The ANALOGY (v.2-3)

²For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. ³So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. (Ro.7:2-3)

- *There is no divorce in this situation here. The marriage law does not apply if your husband is dead.*
- *She cannot marry someone else as long as her husband is still alive.*

The APPLICATION (4-5)

⁴Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. ⁵For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. (Ro.7:4-5)

- *Law demanded death. You died in Christ. The law no longer has jurisdiction over you.*

The AFFIRMATION (v.6)

But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. (Ro.7:6)

- *We were held captive by the flesh, its sinful impulses, the law, and by death.*
- *Because of grace, we serve the law better than we did before we were redeemed.*