

Living In Freedom to Serve God

The Principle of Reversal (5)

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Review: So far we have seen six issues

<u>Jesus took our:</u>	<u>Scriptures</u>	<u>So we could receive His:</u>
1. Loneliness	Jn 12:32; Is 53:3	1. Nearness, acceptance
2. Sin and depravity	2Cor 5:21	2. Righteousness
3. Guilt	1Jn 2:2	3. Mercy
4. Death	1Cor 15:21	4. Eternal life
5. Bareness	Is 53:10; 2Pt 1:8	5. Fruitfulness
6. Curse	Gal 3:13-14	6. Blessing

7. He was slain according to Law to take away bondage to the Law.

Jesus took our bondage to the law so that we could serve God in freedom

Through death of Jesus; we are freed from (OT) Law.

Rom 7:1-6 Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? 2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. 3 So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man. 4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. 5 For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. 6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. (Col 2:14)

Law of marriage = 1 male + 1 woman for one's life (until death).

Married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living;

This woman is (married) to another man + her husband is still living = she is an adulterous.

This woman is (married) to another man + her husband is deceased = she is free.

In Christ (through the body of Christ):

We were made to die to the Law; we have been released from the Law.

We were joined to another (Christ); to Him who was raised from the dead.

Result of living in this exchanged life:

We bear fruit for God

We serve in newness of the Spirit

Jesus fulfills the Law

Mt 5:17-18 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. (Mk 14:49; Lk 4:17-21; Jn 15:25)

He lived a sinless life.

Jesus fully experienced human weakness (Phil 2:7; Heb 2:14,17)

Jesus was tempted to sin (Mt 4:2-3; 26:39; Lk 4:2-3, 13; 22:42; Mk 1:12-13; 14:36)

Jesus resisted temptations to sin (Heb 4:15; Mt 4:1-11; Lk 4:1-13)

Jesus never sinned!

Heb 4:15 (we have a high priest) who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

1Pt 1:18-19 ... you were redeemed ... with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1Pt 2:21-22 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, ...

Jesus fulfills the types and shadows

Lk 24:44-45 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ...

types = Rom 5:4; Heb 9:9; 11:19;

He fulfills the sign (type) of the Passover (Mt 26:28; Lk 22:20)

He fulfills the type of the bronze serpent (Jn 3:14-15)

shadow = Col 2:17; Heb 8:5; 10:1;

sign = Mt 12:39-40

His death fulfills the Old Testament

Lk 18:31-32 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32 "For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, (Mt 26:31; Mk 14:27; Zec 13:7)

Ten purposes of the Law:**1. To close every mouth**

Rom 3:19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

2. To make the world accountable to God.

Rom 3:19 and all the world may become accountable to God.

3. To bring knowledge of sin.

Rom 3:20 ... for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. (Rom 7:7)

4. To bring about wrath.

Rom 4:15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

5. To increase sin.

Rom 5:20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase ...

6. To make sin alive.

Rom 7:9 ... when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;

7. To give sin power.

1Cor 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

8. To make men unjust.

Gal 3:11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God ... (Gal 2:16; Rom 3:20)

9. To put you under a curse.

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse ...

10. To make you imperfect.

Heb 10:1 For the Law, ... can never ... make perfect those who draw near. (Heb 7:19)

Six things the Law could not do

1. Justify

Rom 3:20 by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; (Rom 3:28)

2. Take away sin.

1Cor 15:56 the power of sin is the law;

3. Make us walk in the requirements of God's law.

Rom 8:3-4 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, ...

4. Make us righteous

Gal 2:21 " ... if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

5. Impart life

Gal 3:21 ... if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.

6. Make you perfect

Heb 10:1 For the Law ... can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. (Heb 7:19)

Four facts about the establishing of the Law

1. Jesus came to fulfill the law and not to abolish it.

Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

2. The Law is not nullified through faith but rather it is established.

Rom 3:31 Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

3. The Law was not able to give us the ability to fulfill its requirements.

Rom 8:3-4 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

4. Love is the fulfillment of Law

Rom 13:10 love is the fulfillment of the law (Rom 13:8-10; Gal 5:14; Jas 2:8).

The purpose of Freedom

Rom 7:4-6 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. 5 For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. 6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

The purpose (so that; in order that) of freedom from "Law living"

1. To be joined to another

Rom 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another ...

Jn 15:1-11 a branch abides (stays connected) in the vine and bears fruit.

"abide in Me" used 4X; "abide in My love" used 2X;

"My words abide in you" used 1X; "abide in His love" used 1X

2. To bear fruit

Rom 7:4 ... to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

Jn 15:1-11 to "bear fruit" used 3X; "fruit" used 6X

Jn 15:16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain,..."

Gal 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

We are called to bear fruit (Eph 5:9-10; Phil 1:11; Col 1:6, 10).

3. Serve in (newness of) the Spirit

Rom 7:6 ... so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

Ro 8:3-4 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Rom 8:13 ... but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Rom 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is ...

4. Walk in love

Ro 13:8-10 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gal 5:13-14 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."