

**7:1-6 – A NEW HUSBAND:
Sin Bears Fruit
Only in the Law's Bride,
Not in Christ's Bride
(Sin Can't Be Aroused in You!)**

7:1-3: (Q & A) **Marriage analogy: The Law is no longer binding on one who is dead**

Thesis: death ends the dominion of the Law (1)

Explanation: marriage analogy—when her husband dies, a woman is free to remarry (2-3)

7:4-6: (Comparison with 1-3) **Our death to the Law means we can bear “children” for our new “husband,” Christ**

Thesis: Our death to the Law (through Christ's death) frees us to bear fruit for Christ (4)

Explanation (5-6):

Law → sinful fleshly passions → sinful deeds → death (5)

(Christ) → Spirit → serve in new way (bearing fruit to God) (6)

KJV

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 **For when we were** in the flesh, the **motions of sins**, which were by **the law**, **did work in our members** to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 **But now we are** delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should **serve in newness of spirit**, and not in the oldness of the letter.

ESV

1 Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?

2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. 3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

4 Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

5 **For while we were** living in the flesh, our **sinful passions**, aroused by **the law**, **were at work in our members** to bear fruit for death.

6 **But now we are** released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we **serve in the new way of the Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code.