

THE GREATEST LETTER EVER WRITTEN #14

"Real Freedom"

Romans 7:1-6

Introduction:

I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ WE ARE FREE FROM THE LAW (vs.1-3)

"Do you not know, brothers... that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives?" (v.1)

"For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress, even though she marries another man." (v.2-3)

"So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ..." (v.4a)

"We have been released from the law..." Romans 7:6 (NIV)

Speaking of himself, Paul said he was not under the Law of Moses: "...but under the law of Christ" 1 Corinthians 9:21 (NASB)

II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF BEING FREE FROM THE LAW (vs.4-6)

1. You have a new and very \_\_\_\_\_.

"So my brothers you also died to the Law through the body of Christ..." (v.4a).

2. You have a new \_\_\_\_\_.

"You died to the Law through the body of Christ that you might belong to another." (4b).

"...do you not know that...you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

"But God,... even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ." Ephesians 2:4-6 (NKJV)

"...Absent from the body...present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV)

3. You have a new \_\_\_\_\_.

"...That you might belong to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God." (4c)

4. You have a new \_\_\_\_\_.

"...When we were controlled by the sinful nature... we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code." (vs.5-6)

Closing: Which statement best represents your approach to the Christian life:

"I'm just glad I made it this far"

OR

"This opportunity is too good, I don't want to leave anything on the table."