

ROMANS

The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

- Release from the Law: The believer's relationship to the law changes through union with Christ (V1-6).
- A Defense of the Law: The believer's sanctification requires a proper view of the law (V7-13).
- The Weakness of the Law: The believer's sanctification relies on union with Christ, not straining to do the law (V14-25)

What is the rule of life for the yielded believer?"

The law?

Paul's answer is NO! "Christ risen!"

How many believers have missed that massive point and become legalists?

V1-2 "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? Thus 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."

(1) its capacity to stir up sin in us (V5-14)

(2) its capacity to produce irreversible guilt feelings (V15-25)

(3) its penalties, punishments and curses (8:1-4).

V1 "do you not know...that the law is binding over a person as long as he lives?"



6:14 "For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

V2-3 "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 of marriage. 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."



Col 1:21-22 "And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him"

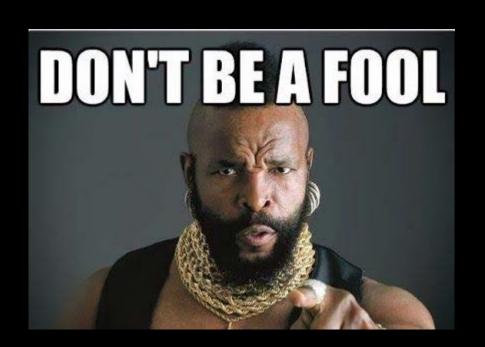
Heb 10:5, 10 "Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body you have prepared for Me...<u>By this will we have been sanctified</u> through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all"



Eph 5:31-32

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church."

Gal 3:3 "Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?"



John 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."

V5-6 "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. 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."