

# Romans

## CHAPTER 7

**1** Do you not know, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?

**2** For the woman who has an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he lives; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

**3** So then if, while *her* husband lives, 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, you also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that you 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.

**7** What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. No, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, You shall not covet.

**8** But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.

**9** For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

**10** And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.

**11** For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.

**12** Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

**13** Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

**14** For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

**15** For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

**16** If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

**17** Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me.

**18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

**19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

**20** Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me.

**21** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

**22** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

**23** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

**24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

**25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.