

# ROMANS

*The Epistle Of Paul The Apostle Of The Romans*

## THE TWO POSITIONS OF THE LAW TO MAN

*Romans 7:1-6*

### **1.) THE LAW DOMINATES MAN ONLY AS LONG AS HE LIVES (ROM. 7:1-3)**

- a.) The Law = A standard of conduct or behavior (Ex. 20:3-17 RSV)
- b.) Purpose of the Law - To condemn failure
- c.) Signs of living under the Law:
  - 1.) Proud of their record
  - 2.) Always critical of others
  - 3.) Always reluctant to admit any error or fault in their own lives
  - 4.) Subject to times of inner boredom and depression
- d.) The place of the Law in this story (Rom. 7:2)
- e.) Who is this first husband? (Rom. 7:3)

### **2.) THE LAW IS DEAD TO BELIEVERS (ROM. 7:4)** (Gal. 3:10, 13; Eph. 1:7, 2:13, 15, 16; Col. 1:22; 1 Pet. 2:24, 3:18; 1 Cor. 6:15)

### **3.) THE LAW IS ALIVE TO THOSE “IN THE FLESH” (ROM. 7:5)** (James 4:1-2; Gal. 5:17)

### **4.) THE LAW IS INACTIVATED BY CONVERSION (ROM. 7:6)** (Rom. 8:13-17; 2 Cor. 5:14-15, 17; 1 Jn. 2:1-2)

“I do not work my soul to save; that work my Lord hath done. But I will work like any slave for love of God’s dear son.”