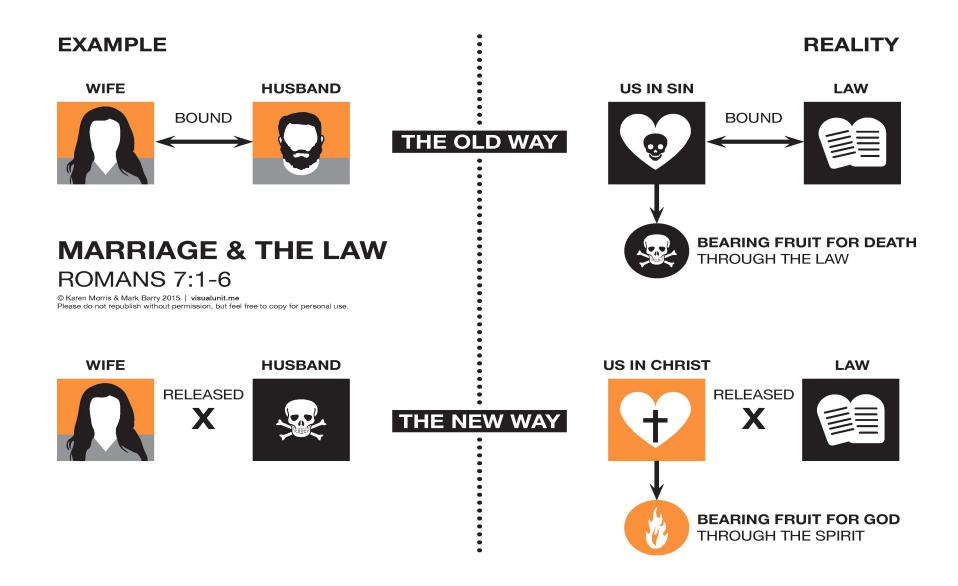
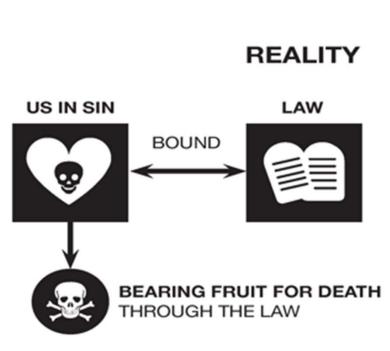
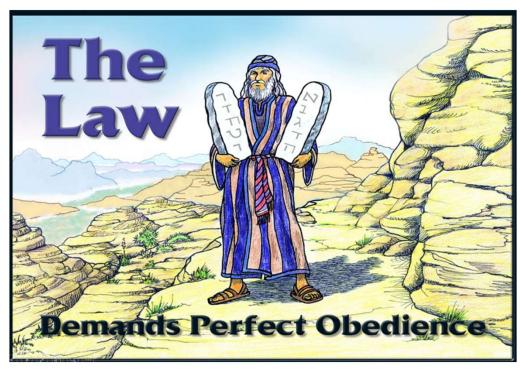


1. We Are Dead to the Law and Married to Christ.



(Rom. 7:1) Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them (many Jews) that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion (rule) over a man as long as he liveth?

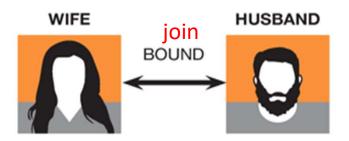




Marriage Illustration

(Rom. 7:2) For the woman which hath an husband is **bound** (joined) by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed (free) from the law of her husband.

EXAMPLE



MARRIAGE & THE LAW ROMANS 7:1-6

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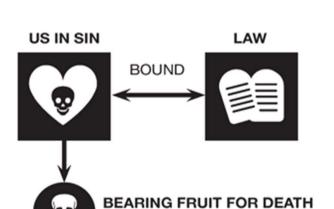
(Rom. 7:3) So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another <mark>man</mark>, she shall be called an adulteress (not faithful): but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another





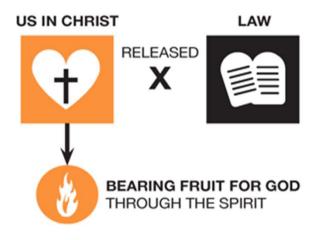


(Rom. 7:4) Wherefore (then), my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him (Christ) who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit (serve) unto God.



THROUGH THE LAW

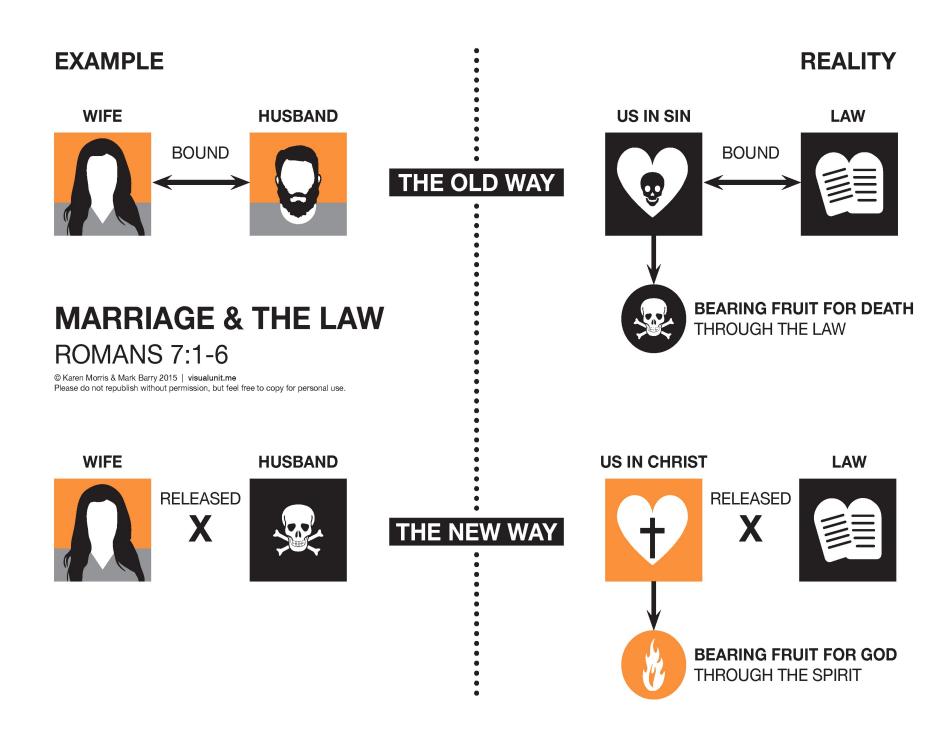
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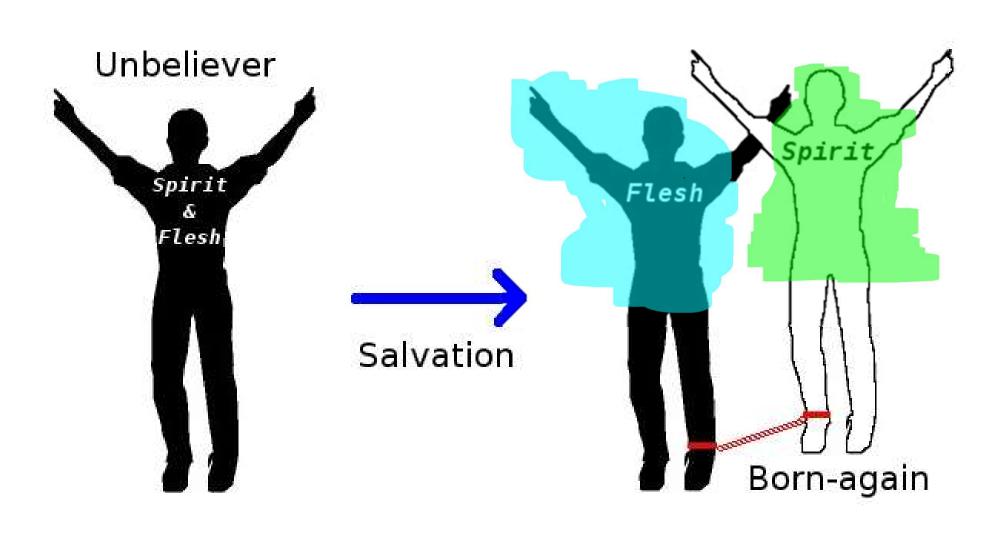
"ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ;"



Illustration of woman married to husband demanding perfection, not helping, and condemning Contrasted to husband demanding perfection but always helping.



2. We Have New Life, But We Cannot Obey the Law with Our Own Power



*old sinful self (nature) nature = about me

*new spiritual self (nature)



(Rom. 7:14) For we know that the law is spiritual (of God--good): but Lam carnal (of flesh--bad), sold (slave) under sin. (15) For that (bad) which (bad) I do I allow not: for what (good) I would (want), that (good) do I not; but what (bad) I hate, that (bad) do I. (16) If then I do that (bad) which (bad) I would (want) not, I consent (agree) unto the law that it (law) is good.

*old sinful self

*new spiritual self

(17) Now then it (bad) is no more I that do it (bad), but sin that dwelleth in me (does the bad). (18) For I know that in me (that is [meaning...], in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will (want) is present (here) with me; but how to perform (do) that which is good I find (know how to do) not.

*old sinful self

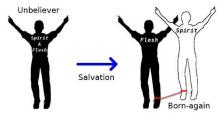


*new spiritual self

(19) For the good that I would (want) I do not: but the evil (bad) which I would (want) not, that (bad) I do. (20) Now if I do that (bad) I would (want) not, it is no more I that do it (bad), but sin (does the bad) that dwelleth in me. (21) I find then a law (always same happens), that, when I would (want) do good, evil (bad) is present (here) with me.

*old sinful self

*new spiritual self

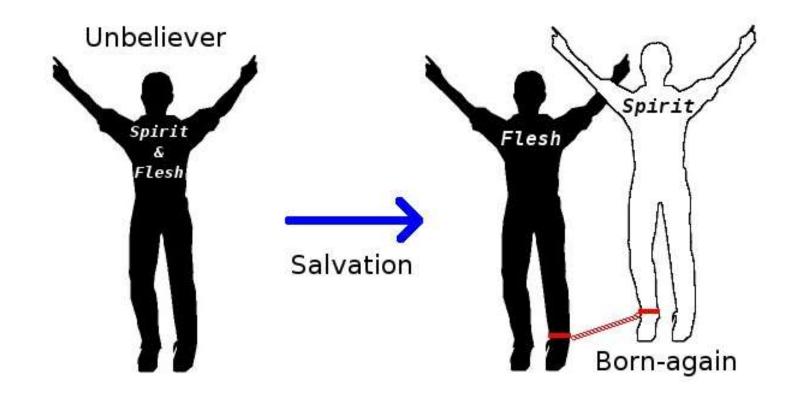




(22) For I delight (enjoy) in the law of God after the inward man (new spiritual self): (23) But I see another law (always same happens) in my members (body), warring (fight) against the law (always same happens) of my mind, and bringing me into captivity (slave) to the law (always same happens) of sin which (sin) is in my members (body).

In our own power we cannot obey God.

(Rom. 7:24) O wretched (very sad/weak)
man that I am! who shall deliver (save)
me from the body of this death
(sad/weak body)?



Through Jesus we can obey God.

(Rom. 7:25) I thank God through Jesus
Christ our Lord (can save me from sad/weak
body). So then with the mind I myself
serve the law of God; but with the flesh
the law of sin.

Unbeliever

Spirit

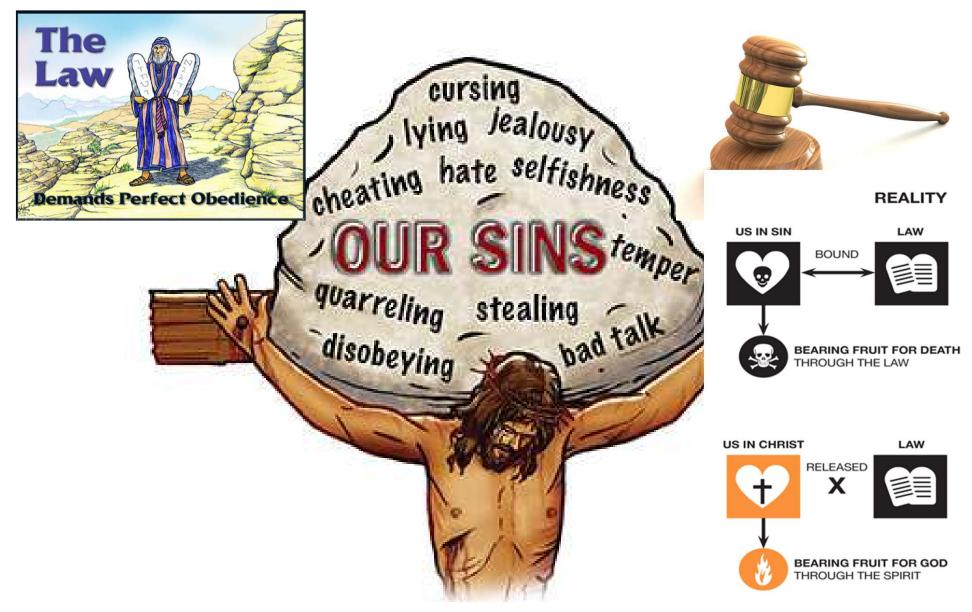
Flesh

Born-again

Salvation

(John 15:5)
"For without Me (Jesus)
ye can do nothing"

3. We Are Not Condemned Because We Are In Christ.



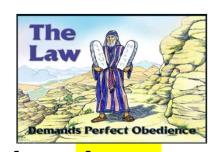
We are married to Christ; the Law cannot condemn us

(Rom. 8:1) There is therefore now no condemnation (punish) to them (Christians) which are in Christ Jesus, who (Christians) walk not after (following) the flesh, but after (following) the Spirit.

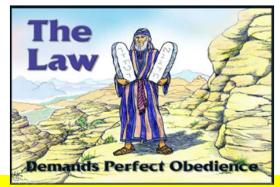




(Rom. 8:2) For the law (always same happens) of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law (always same happens) of sin and death.



(Rom. 8:3) For what the law could not do, in that it (the law) was weak through (because of) the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness (not same [Jesus did not have sin]) of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin (our sin) in the flesh (Jesus' body on the cross):



(Rom. 8:4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled (happen) in us, who walk not after (following) the flesh, but after (following) the Spirit.

