

How do you feel today?

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? (7:1)**

Lifelong Union (7:2-3)

The Path of Life Is through The Door of Death

Benefits of Dying

1

Dying to Belong (4:1-4a)

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, **so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead . . . (7:4)**

Body of Christ (7:4a)

Fruit for God (7:4b)

New way of the Spirit (7:5)

Christ fulfilled the Law so that we might be freed from it.
Matthew 3:16-17

Benefits of Dying

2

Dying to Bear Fruit (4:4b-5)

^{4b} . . . **in order that we may bear fruit for God.**

cf. Ephesians 2:10

Our people must *learn to do good* by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive.

TITUS 3:14 NLT

. . . **to bear fruit for death.**
Roman 7:5 (cf. Rom 6:20-22)

Benefits of Dying

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Dying to Experience New Life (4:6)

But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, **so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code.

Romans 7:6

No Old Testament Law stands any longer as an Authoritative Guide Life in the Spirit.

Supernatural vs. Sensational



Benefits of Dying

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Dying to Experience New Life

Evidence of Life in the Holy Spirit in our:

Attributes:

✓ Generous	✓ Humble	✓ Good
✓ Trustworthy	✓ Discerning/Wise	✓ Gentle
✓ Devout	✓ Faithful	✓ Self-controlled
✓ Loving	✓ Joyful	✓ Perseverant
✓ Merciful	✓ Hopeful	✓ Meek
✓ Peaceful	✓ Patient	✓ Hospitable
✓ Confident	✓ Kind	✓ Responsible


Benefits of Dying

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Dying to Experience New Life

Evidence of Life in the Holy Spirit in our:

Attitudes:



- ✓ have your mind set on Christ – walking in His life and peace
- ✓ rejoice always (in hard and pleasant circumstances, in persecution)
- ✓ consider others better than yourself and look out for their interests
- ✓ are determined live obediently with God & don't resist the Holy Spirit
- ✓ desire all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth
- ✓ **trust God to continue, and complete, His work in you**

Benefits of Dying

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Dying to Experience New Life

Evidence of Life in the Holy Spirit in our:

Abilities:




- ✓ are able to comfort others as God has comforted you
- ✓ are sensitive to the direction of the Holy Spirit
- ✓ enjoy God's peace
- ✓ live quietly and mind your own affairs
- ✓ walk properly before your neighbours
- ✓ **abide in Christ and keep His commands**



Benefits of Dying

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Dying to Experience New Life

Evidence of Life in the Holy Spirit in our:

Actions:



- ✓ devote yourself to good works that are good & profitable for everyone
- ✓ avoid foolish debates and divisive conversations
- ✓ explain the Gospel clearly – showing Christ through Scripture
- ✓ pray without ceasing in the Spirit – for all the saints.
- ✓ live in holiness – rejecting a life of impurity
- ✓ **invite others to become imitators of you as you are of Christ**

Benefits of Dying

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