

Sunday, May 16/21

Text: Romans 6:1-6



Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Dying to Belong (1-4a)

Dying to Bear Fruit (4b-5; cf. 6:20-22)

Dying to Experience New Life (6; cf. 6:3-4)

Evidence of Life in the Holy Spirit in our:

Attributes

Attitudes

Abilities

Actions



An Illustration From Marriage - Romans 7:1-6

Open It

- 1. What were some of the basic rules of behavior you were taught as a child?
- 2. *How do your present values differ from the ones you were taught as a child?

Explore It

- 3. What illustration did Paul use to explain a Christian's relationship to the written law? (7:1-3)
- 4. Whom does the husband represent in Paul's illustration? (7:2-3)
- 5. Whom does the married woman represent in Paul's illustration? (7:2-3)
- 6. *To what did Paul compare the death of a woman's husband? (7:2-5) Why?
- *What are the primary differences between the old life under the Law and the new life in the way of the Spirit? (<u>7:4-6</u>)
- 8. *How is a person released from being bound by the Law? (7:6)

Get It

- 9. What role should God's written law play in a Christian's life?
- 10. *What does it mean to be a new person in Christ?
- 11. How can the Spirit help us please God in a way that following the Law couldn't?
- 15. How do a person's attitudes and outlook on life change when he or she comes to Christ?
- 16. *What is the difference between keeping religious laws and following the Spirit of Christ?

Apply It

18. *What old ideas about pleasing God through religious activity do you need to discard this week?

19. What can you do this week to build your living relationship with Christ instead of merely following the rules?