

Tie the Knot

Ro 7:4

When a man receives Christ, he is **UNITIED** from one way of living (Law) and **TIED** to a new way of Living (Christ). In Roman's chapter 7:1-14, Paul tells us that all believers have been **UNITIED to the law because they have died, and now have been spiritually TIED (knotted) to Christ because they are alive.**

There are effects of being (***TIED to the Law***), being (***TIED to Christ***), and being (***TIED to Sin***).

Today let's look at the 3 types of knots in the Spiritual realm and there effects.

Knots –

1. Law's Knot (Romans 7:1-3)

2. Christ's Knot (Romans 7:4-6)

3. Sin's Knot (Romans 7:7-13)

Romans 7:4 (NASB)

⁴ Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to **die to the Law** through the body of Christ, so that you might be **joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.**

What is the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NASB)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Christ died for our sins (b) Christ was buried (c) Christ was resurrected

The Gospel is God's offer of Spiritual Life to Man

Romans 7:1 (NASB)

¹ Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that **the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?**

Paul asks a question about the law. He asks if the Roman believers know that the law has *jurisdiction* over a person as long as he lives (is alive)?

Romans 7:2-3 (NASB)

² For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

³ So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; **but if her husband dies, she is free from the law,** so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

IF the old self is not crucified and risen with Christ man is ***STILL*** under the jurisdiction of the law (613 rules of do's and don'ts), in **addition to being controlled by the power of sin.**

***Man is still (tied, joined, knotted) to the law!
& to the power of Sin!***

As a believer in Christ who has been crucified and risen with Christ, that man has died to 2 things!

Died to Sin & Died to the Law!

Believers are (Tied, Knotted, Joined, United) to Christ!

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God is the source of all fruit; believers just bear the fruit the God has initiated. ***We can't produce or manufacture fruit*** on our own initiative, we can only bear it (Even though we try – it's our dead fruit, not God's fruit).

Romans 7:5 (NASB)

⁵ For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were *aroused* by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.

- a. Sinful passions are aroused by the Law
- b. Bears fruit for death (Dead Fruit)

Paul says there is a much better way to bear the fruit for God –

Romans 7:6 (NASB)

⁶ But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter

Romans 7:8-11 (NASB)

⁸ **But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind;** for apart from the Law sin *is* dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, **sin became alive** and I died; ¹⁰ and this commandment, which was to result in life, **proved to result in death for me;** ¹¹ for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, **deceived me and through it killed me.**

The Power of Sin Aroused by the Law (Opposite Effect) – Sin's Knot

- a. Produced in me coveting of every kind ***(Was supposed to stop Coveting)***
- b. Made power of sin come alive ***(Was supposed to stop Sin)***
- c. Proved to result in death for me ***(Was supposed to result in Life)***
- d. Deceived me ***(Was supposed to help Me)***
- e. Through it killed me ***(Was supposed to be a way to Live)***

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“Tied to the Law”

“Tied to Sin”

or

“Tied to Christ”

What's your Choice?