

# Romans 7

## Chapter 7

<sup>1</sup> **K**NOW ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

<sup>2</sup> For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

<sup>3</sup> So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

<sup>4</sup> Wherefore, 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 who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

<sup>5</sup> For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

<sup>6</sup> But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

<sup>7</sup> What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust,

except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

<sup>8</sup> But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.

<sup>9</sup> For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

<sup>10</sup> And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.

<sup>11</sup> For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

<sup>13</sup> Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

<sup>15</sup> For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

<sup>16</sup> If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

<sup>17</sup> Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

<sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no

good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

<sup>19</sup> For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

<sup>20</sup> Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

<sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

<sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

<sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

<sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

<sup>25</sup> I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.