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OUR STRUGGLE WITH THE REMNANTS OF SIN

ROMANS 7:1-12

Main Focus in Ch.6

- ▶ Grace and sin, as it relates to how we live our lives
- ▶ God's intent is that we should live for Him rather than continue in unrighteousness
- ▶ Grace compels us to do the right thing; it doesn't ever give us the right to live as we please.

V. 1-3

- ▶ Our position in Christ in relation to the Law
 - ▶ Rom. 6:14
- ▶ Uses an illustration to make his point.
 - ▶ There is NO SALVATION if there is NO freedom from the Law.

- ▶ Paul addresses his question to Jewish converts
 - ▶ They, of all people, needed to understand *freedom from the Law*
 - ▶ They wrestled with whether faith alone was sufficient for salvation. This is also a problem in the Church today.
- ▶ He used the illustration about the marriage bond to make the point about our freedom from the Law

- ▶ Christ's *physical death* served to completely satisfy the demands of the Law
- ▶ We were released from its *dominion* when we *died* with Christ during our conversion.
- ▶ Our *death* at that point united us by faith with His death, burial, and resurrection.
- ▶ Baptism symbolizes everything that occurs during our conversion.

▶ “Do you not know that all of us who have been *baptized* into Christ Jesus were baptized *into His death*? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in *newness of life*.”



- ▶ So, where do we go from here?
- ▶ What should be our intention in life now that we are believers?
- ▶ Verse 4 gives us a great response...

▶ “so that you may belong to one another”

▶ Sanctification - used in view of ownership/possession

▶ “in order that we may bear fruit for God”

▶ Sanctification - used in view of our service to God

▶ 1 Thess. 4:3

v. 5-6

- ▶ Paul refers to our old life, our condition in Christ, and then the manner in which believers should live.
- ▶ “that we may serve in the new way of the Spirit”

Bearing fruit before God

- ▶ Our *service* to Him; also centered around **fellowship**.
- ▶ We must recognize the need to be *intimate* with the Lord, to *identify* with Him, to have a meaningful and lasting *relationship* with Him.

Bearing fruit before God

- ▶ Can only occur if we are *walking in the Spirit*
 - ▶ Gal. 5:16-18
 - ▶ “Walk in the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh”...
 - ▶ “if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

- ▶ We must always be thankful to God for the freedom He's given us from the bondage of sin and the Law.
 - ▶ Jn. 8:36 - "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed."
- ▶ Do you have this freedom today?