

**The Law and The Believer**  
**Romans 7: 1-6**

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**Sin**

**Salvation**

**Sancti-  
fication**

**Sovereignty**

**Service**

**So Long**

Verse 1

**The Law had dominion over us as long  
as we lived**

**There is only one thing that can break our relationship to the Law – DEATH!**

**Paul is using an example of death bringing life –  
*Old man is dead – New man has life***

**You have been crucified with Christ – Galatians 2: 20**

## **SUMMARY:**

**Our old man is dead; our new man is alive in Christ**

**The Law had dominion over every human until salvation, when our old man died**

**We are not sanctified by our good works!**

**We are sanctified by yielding to the Holy Spirit's control in our lives producing good works**

**Sanctification fruit occurs naturally as we abide in Christ**

## **SANCTIFICATION IS NOT:**

- MAKING OURSELVES HOLY*
- DOING GOOD WORKS*
- FOLLOWING A LIST OF RULES*
- KEEPING THE LAW TO SAVE OURSELVES*

A large tree with autumn foliage stands against a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit in us whereby our inner being is progressively changed, freeing us more and more from sinful traits and developing within us over time the virtues of Christlike character.

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**Verse 2 - 3**

**An example of marriage**

According to Mosaic Law, a woman was not free to divorce her husband – ***“bound by law to her husband”***

**Bound** = to tie with a chain or cord

**Two people are tied together for life, united in holy matrimony**

The marriage covenant is a lifetime commitment, till death do we part

**The only way to beat the Law is by death**

Death of the old man occurs at salvation



**Verse 4 - 5**

**The new you is married to Christ**

**I belong to Jesus; the picture is one of marriage**

My old man is dead, I am now free and wed to Christ

**We are in an engagement period, so to speak**

The Holy Spirit is the earnest down payment

**Ephesians 1: 13b-14a**

**While here,** I am to remain loyal to my Bridegroom; ***watch  
and wait!***

**While here,** I am to watch and be ready for His return for me,  
***at any time!***

**While here,** I will not entertain other suitors vying for my  
attention (***idols, strongholds***)

## Verse 6

**Serve in newness of the Spirit**

**The moment you said yes to Jesus' offer of salvation, you experienced spiritual conversion**

**Again, the old man is dead; we are no longer under the Law, we live our lives in the new man**

**Jesus Makes All  
Things New**

**This is a voluntary act on behalf of the believer;**  
*you can choose contrary to God!*

**God does not make you love Him or serve Him,  
or force you to obey Him**

**The new man attitude:** *“I want to, desire to, make it my aim to, SERVE HIM!”*

**God calls every believer to serve Him in some way or another**

Serving in His body, His Church, is not an elective – *it is a command!* **Galatians 5: 13**

**Discover your spiritual gift and serve Christ where He is calling you to serve**

**There are no exceptions, *all are to serve in some way!***

## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

**For a believer, the old man is filled with empty promises and disillusionment**

**The world, the flesh and the devil always underperform**

**Not our Jesus! He always exceeds expectation!**

**Jesus did promise you an abundant life**

**Not a life trouble-free, easy peasy – *the abundant life is Him, His presence!***

God's plea is for His bride, His child, to walk in newness of life!

This is what sanctification is all about:

*A changed you, the abundant life you!*

This may result in a friend change, habit change, values change, priority change – CHANGE!

**JESUS CHANGES PEOPLE!!**



**You see, in the end, it is back to Eden for the believer . . . . .**

**Enjoying God forever – *I can only imagine!***

**The believer does have an abundant hope!**

**HANG ON!**

***IT'S GOING TO GET A LOT BETTER!!***

**JESUS IS THE ABUNDANT LIFE!!**