

Romans 7:1-6

**Pray** that God would help you to see the glory of being a follower of His, living by the Spirit and sharing in His life.

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**Look Closer...** Paul begins with a metaphor about marriage in vv. 1-3, but the whole point is to show that people are only bound to the law until they die. What he really wants to say comes in vv. 4-6, when Paul indicates to this glorious truth about the whole Church, *we can bear fruit for God and His kingdom (we can offer God meaningful service and worship) because we serve a Master who is giving us new life.*

Paul wants us to see that the possibilities are endless when it comes to what God could be doing in and through us. Why? The one to whom we belong is the One who has been resurrected (defeated death!) into a *brand new sort of life!* Through Jesus, God is finishing the work of creation, and you are now a part of that work. That is why you can bear fruit for God.

**Think about it...** God wants to renew the entire world in Jesus, and it is by the power of His resurrection that He will do that. You don't have to feel shame about the mistakes of your past. We don't have to worry about how God will use us to serve Him or His people. The same power that made Christ alive in the resurrection is at work in you and me. "We serve in the *new way of the Spirit.*"

**Pray about it...** God has claimed you as a part of His project to make all things new. Take some time to thank God for wanting you to be a part of His resurrection life, and begin on the journey of seeking God for how He will use you in this project of making all things new.