

WEDDED TO CHRIST — ROMANS 7:1–13  
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In our text, Paul is dealing with the believer's relationship to God's Law. How does the Old Testament Law relate to our new position in Christ? In order to answer this question, Paul uses an illustration drawn from marriage and the civil law, revealing what it means for the Christian to be *IN CHRIST*.

I. The Saints and the Law — Domination (Romans 7:1–6)

- A. Like widows freed from their husbands (7:1–3)
- B. Like dead men freed from their lusts (7:5)

II. The Saints and their Savior — Liberation (7:4, 6)

- A. Raised by Christ and freed from the law (7:4a, 6)
- B. Released to produce spiritual fruit (7:4)

III. The Saints and their Privileges

- A. Benefits of the Law (7:7–13)
- B. We have Christ's name.
- C. We have Christ's standing.
- D. We share with Christ access to the Father.
- E. We experience the ministry of Angels.
- F. We shall reign with Christ.