

Divorce from the Sinful Nature, Romans 7:1b-2a

Only death or divorce can separate a man and wife from their marriage contract. According to Romans 6, the believer through faith in Christ is retroactively immersed into the spiritual death, physical death, and burial of our Lord. The power of the sinful nature as first husband and its tyranny, maintained by facilitated wheel-tracks of wickedness, are broken.

The word “*divorce*” makes reference to the principle that the innocent spouse has the right to remarry. Also, physical death releases the surviving spouse from the marriage contract and that person is also free to remarry. The unbeliever is the wife of the sinful nature and the Mosaic Law is the counselor of the marriage.

Through faith in Christ, the unbeliever dies “*in Christ*” through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Retroactive Positional Truth places the unbeliever in Christ retroactive to the cross where her sins were judged while at the same time she died along with Christ.

Our life as an unbeliever, submissive to the sinful nature, died on the cross with Christ and was buried along with Him in Joseph’s tomb. Although our first husband remains alive, we are dead to him. Furthermore, as a new spiritual species, alive in Christ through Current Positional Truth, we now submit to our New Husband.

The marriage Counselor to this new marriage is the Holy Spirit Who leads and guides us by means of wheel-tracks of righteousness—“*walk in newness of life*” (Romans 6:4). The sad fact is that this new believer, with a new Spouse, and a new marriage Counselor is capable, from her own volition, of committing adultery against her new Husband by placing her members—namely, her brain—under orders to her old husband and his facilitated wheel-tracks of wickedness.

Paul’s use of marriage, divorce, death, and remarriage to illustrate the believer’s conflict of loyalties between her first and second husbands is the subject of Romans 7:2, Romans 7:3, Romans 7:4, Romans 7:5, Romans 7:6.

In Romans 7:2, Paul gives us an analogy which explains and interprets chapters 6–8:

Romans 7:2 - For the wife under the authority of her husband has been bound to her husband by law while he is living but if the husband has died she has been released by the law from her first husband.

The illustration is divine institution number 2, marriage: right man-right woman.

The distortion of the relationship between the man and woman in marriage creates the first fissure in the foundation of a Client Nation. In spite of women’s liberation, women’s rights, and women’s suffrage, God’s truth abideth still ... the woman is to be subservient to the man in marriage.

The Scripture refers to the wife as a slave to the husband. This divinely appointed status is her place of refuge from cosmos diabolicus. As her authority, the husband has a responsibility to protect her, provide for her, care for her, and unconditionally love her.

Ephesians 5:22 - Wives be subject [*hupotasso*] to your own husbands as to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands, love [*agapao*] your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

Ephesians 5:32 - This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:33 – Nevertheless, let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respects her husband.

In Ephesians 5:22, the word “*subject*” is *hupotasso* and is a participial imperative. It indicates that the woman voluntarily chooses to defer to her husband's authority.

In the royal family there is no difference between man and woman, Gentile or Jew, master or slave, we are all one in Christ Jesus. However, although there is an equality of status before God, the wife is commanded to submit to the authority of her husband from her own free will.