

Mosaic Law as Marriage Counselor, Romans 7:4

Romans 7:4 - Therefore, fellow believers, you also were made to die with reference to the law by the human body of Christ [**Retroactive Positional Truth**] with the result that you might belong to another, to the One who has been raised up from deaths [**Current Positional Truth**] in order that we might bear fruit to God.

If retroactive positional truth causes the believer to die to her first husband, the sinful nature, it also means that the Mosaic Law has been fired as marriage counselor. The Mosaic Law serves as marriage counselor in the following three ways:

1. Through its Order Code.

The Decalogue teaches us that we are sinners, e.g., its mandates can only be fulfilled by those who are intrinsically righteous.

Regardless of your opinion of yourself, you are without question less righteous than perfect God. Even though you may be far, far better than most of your fellow human contemporaries, you are far, far worse than God.

You are either intrinsically righteous or you are not. The Mosaic Law makes it clear that you are the latter. If you are not intrinsically righteous then you are eternally separated from intrinsically righteous God. If you are eternally separated from God because of unrighteousness, your condition is hopeless unless God Himself decides to offer an alternative.

The alternative to our eternally hopeless status before God is to somehow acquire His intrinsic righteousness and thus enter into a personal relationship with Him. It becomes the second duty of the Mosaic Law as marriage counselor to point out how this may be accomplished.

2. The Spiritual Code.

Salvation is presented by means of the ritual plan of God.

Complete understanding of Christology, Harmartiology, and Soteriology is presented in the various sacerdotal functions of the Levitical priesthood. These functions are carried out in the observance of holy days, feast days, Levitical offerings, animal sacrifices, and the construction and furnishings of the Tabernacle.

By consistent observation of and participation in these rituals, the Jew was eventually able to clearly understand that righteousness was acquired by grace through faith alone in Messiah alone. We see that this system of salvation was effectual for the acquisition of intrinsic righteousness even before the Mosaic Law was revealed.

Genesis 15:6 - Abraham had believed in the Lord, and the Lord credited it to Abraham's account as intrinsic righteousness.

The principle of divine imputation of intrinsic righteousness at the point of faith in Christ is pointed out by Paul in Romans where he uses Abraham as the example.

Romans 4:3 - What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed in God and that faith was credited to him for intrinsic righteousness."

Romans 4:4 - But to him who works for salvation, his reimbursement is not credited according to grace but according to debt.

Romans 4:5 - But to him who does not work for salvation but believes in Him who justifies the unbeliever, his faith receives credit for the imputation of divine righteousness.

Thus, the Mosaic Law counsels the unbeliever Jew that first of all he is sinful and separated from God. Secondly, it counsels him to consider the Messiah Savior as the grace solution to the problem.

The third area by which the Mosaic Law counsels the unbeliever is through:

3. The Establishment Code.

In order for an environment of freedom to be maintained so that so that these first two codes may be inculcated and considered, everyone must agree to submit to the laws of divine establishment. The Mosaic Law's establishment code provided the framework for that environment of freedom for the nation Israel.

Since the power of the sinful nature was broken at salvation then the Mosaic Law has done its job and is been released as the marriage counselor. You now belong to another—the One who has been raised from deaths—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The marriage Counselor for the new marriage is the Holy Spirit. Through His power we are enabled to execute the Christian way of life and bear fruit to God. There was a form of fruit bearing while in unbelief and it is associated with one's status quo of spiritual death.

Romans 7:5 - For while we were in the flesh [under the authority of the sinful nature as first husband], the sinful trends, which through the Law were operative in our members, resulted in the production of fruit from the source of our spiritual death.

The first husband is the sinful nature. It issues orders to the body through its control of the brain. “*Our members*” is the translation of two Greek words, the pronoun *ego* + the plural of the noun *melos* and they make reference to the organs of the body.

The two major organs implied by Paul, who was writing in the first century before modern-day advances in medical technology, are the kidneys and the heart. We have learned from past studies that these two organs refer to the emotions and the stream of consciousness.

Revelation 2:23 - Furthermore, I will execute her followers by means of the sin unto death and so all the churches will know that I am He Who constantly inventories the [kidneys and the heart] emotions and the streams of consciousness, and I will impose punishment to each one of you according to your production from the Cosmic System.

This is figurative language which seeks to convey the idea of poisons being removed from the body by means of the kidneys and blood circulating throughout the body by means of the heart.