

SERMON NOTES

Unashamed
April 6, 2008

"Released"
Romans 7:1-6

Introduction:

What is it that makes a person righteous? How many laws must be kept to gain that description? Just thinking about this can be tiresome because we know that we fail. There is really good news to celebrate this morning, we have been released from the law to be joined to Jesus through his death and resurrection!

I. Interpretation

II. Application

Going Deeper

1. When Paul talks about “the law”, what is he talking about? How would we define law in our context?
2. Is the law, as Paul is talking about it, bad? Why or why not?
3. How has Jesus’ death and resurrection released us from the law? Why did we need to be released from it in the first place?
4. How is it that our relationship with Jesus produces a harvest of good deeds for God in our lives? Wouldn’t you think that freedom from the law would produce a harvest of selfish deeds? Read and discuss Galatians 2:20 in light of this question.
5. How does Romans 7:1-6 change our perspective on how righteousness and good deeds are brought about in our lives? How will it affect you on a day to day basis?
6. Do you struggle with the concept of living by freedom and grace? Why is living “by the law” dangerous? How do we not fall into this pattern?
7. What does it mean to “abide” in Jesus? Why is this important?
8. What fruit do you see being produced in your life? What does this say about you currently?

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