

"Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:20

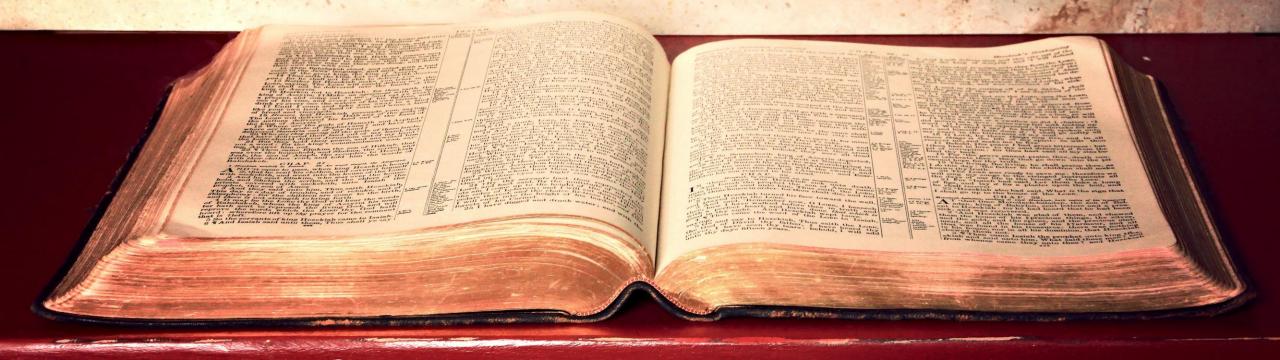
"For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law." Rom. 3:28

"Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?" Rom. 6:3



1. ARE WE BOUND BY THE LAW? Vs. 1-6

"Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?" vs. 1



"For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law, concerning the husband. So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man." vs. 2-3

A. OUR DEATH MEANS *DISMISSAL* OF ALL *CHARGES*.

B. OUR DEATH MEANS WE'VE MARRIED ANOTHER.

"Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God. For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter." vs. 4-6

"But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:8

"Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does He then, who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?" Gal. 3:3-5

"Fruit for God" The evidence in your life that you love the Lord and seek to honor Him.

2. Is the Law a failure? Vs. 7-12

"What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, 'You shall not covet.' But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the

Law sin is the property of the

"And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died; and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; for sin, taking opportunity through the commandment deceived me, and through it killed me." vs. 9-11

"So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good." vs. 12

3. Did the Law mess me up? Vs. 13-14

"Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful." vs. 13

For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of the law is spiritual; b

APPLICATION FOR ME:

To be married to Christ means that:

You have been born again.

You have *died* to the old covenant.

You're to be fruitful.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

John 12:24

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh." Gal. 5:16

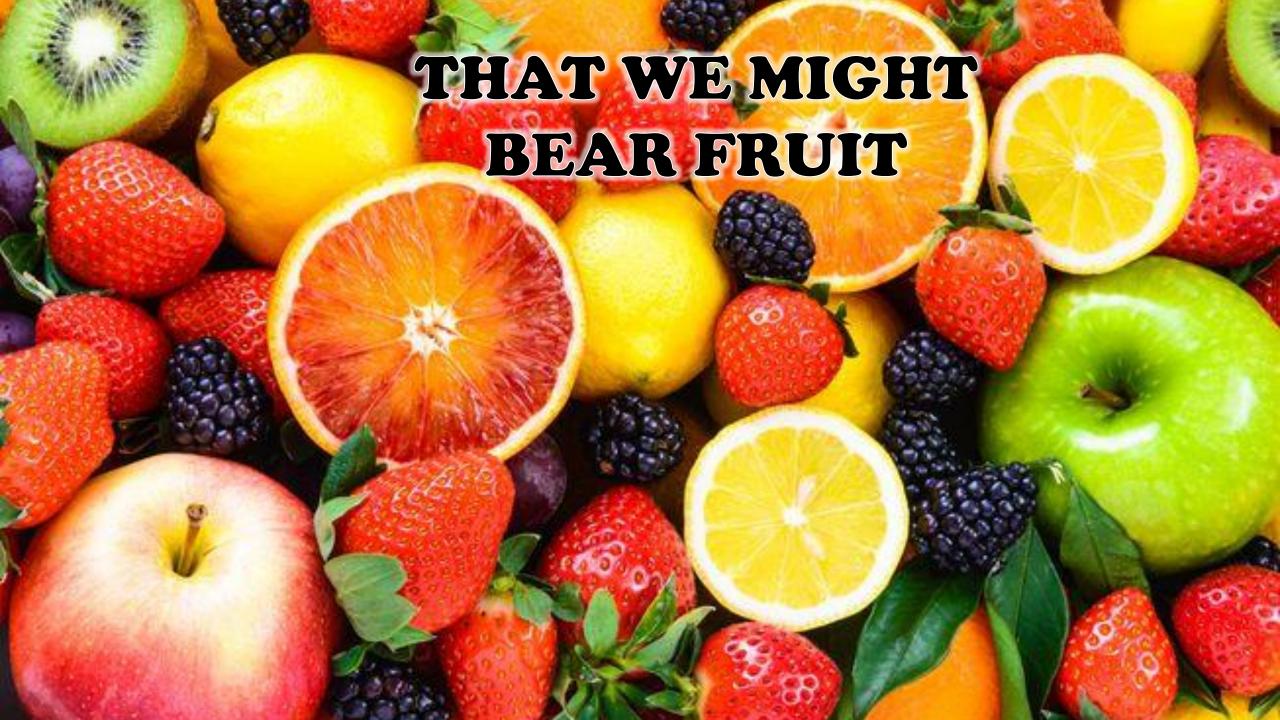
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. I we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." Gal. 5:22-25

You have a marriage built on *love* and *grace*.

You get a new family.

You receive an eternal inheritance.

You will never be divorced.



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