

**The Holy Spirit: Counselor to the 2nd Marriage, Romans 7:6**

**Romans 7:6 - But now we have been released from the Law [as marriage counselor] by having died to that to which we were bound [the first marriage], in order that we might serve in a new marriage by the Holy Spirit [as marriage Counselor] and not in the old marriage by the letter of the Law.**

“*But now*” indicates that the believer operates under a different set of circumstances. The job of the Law as marriage counselor to the first marriage was to inform the unbeliever that he had a bad marriage.

Once a person believes in Jesus Christ as the solution to his sin problem, the Mosaic Law can do nothing further. Its job is to reveal the fact that there is an inner authority which controls the life and keeps the unbeliever separated from God. At salvation, the Mosaic Law has nothing further to reveal to the new believer other than to offer insight into the laws of divine establishment. But this guidance is for the unbeliever as well and is valuable for the establishment and maintenance of freedom in a Client Nation.

After salvation, the Mosaic Law has no major impact on the spiritual life of the believer. Information for the execution of “*newness of life*” can be found only in the mystery doctrines of the New Testament. Thus, the marriage Counselor for the second marriage becomes the Holy Spirit. His counseling may be defined by the term “*mentorship*,” His supernatural power of teaching storing, and recalling doctrine in the soul of the believer who is positive to doctrine.

The Holy Spirit does this in order to establish in the believer’s stream of consciousness a biblically based frame of reference, norms and standards, scale of values, and problem-solving devices. However, although freed from the first husband and the Mosaic Law, the believer voluntarily reverts himself back under the influence of both whenever he submits to temptation and commits personal sin. This results in a believer taking himself out from under the grace policy of God and placing himself back under an obsolete system of legalism.

It is obvious that the spiritual life of the believe vacillates between the influence of self-righteous legalism and the stability of divine grace dependent upon which counselor is in charge at the moment. The key is knowledge of doctrine. The Holy Spirit will teach you the information you need to make correct decisions but you must be positive to His instruction and make yourself available to it.

Principle: If there is no knowledge then there is no long-term memory trace. If there is no long-term memory trace then there can be no recall.

The Holy Spirit establishes a relationship between the believer and Jesus Christ through the instruction, retention, and recollection of doctrinal memory traces. No longer bound to an old marriage and an anachronistic marriage counselor, the believer is free to serve her new Husband in grace rather than by the letter of the Law. In fact, the difference between law and grace is:

1. Under the Order Code the believer cannot serve the Lord because the law is intended to reveal the need for a Savior not establish policies for rendering service to Him.
2. Under grace the believer can serve the Lord because doctrine is intended to reveal the divinely approved process and procedure for doing so.

Under grace, the believer’s service increases in proportion to his spiritual growth. Under Law, all the believer’s attempted service becomes ineffectual and is classified as human good rather than the intended divine good. The reason? All the Mosaic Law can do as marriage counselor is reveal the need for a savior under the Order Code and the identity of the Savior under the Spiritual Code. Put another way, the Order Code reveals to the unbeliever that he has a bad marriage which has resulted in a sin problem that eternally prohibits him from having a relationship with God.

The Spiritual Code reveals the solution as the grace provision of a Messiah Who will assume the burden of sin and release the sinner from the tyranny of the first marriage. The value of the Mosaic Law as marriage counselor to the first marriage is the subject of the second paragraph of chapter 7.