

SERMON NOTES ♦ JUNE 7, 2009
“Belonging to Another”

SERMON TEXT: Romans 7:1-6 (NRSV)

¹Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only during that person’s lifetime? ²Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress.

⁴In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

NOTES

- I. **An illustration about the law...**
- II. **Defining some terms: legalism, license, and liberty...**
- III. **The Christian life in one sentence:**
 - a. **Dead to the law through Christ...**
 - b. **Belonging to another...**
 - c. **Bearing fruit for God...**
- IV. **Before and after...**

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June 7, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Christy Floyd

WELCOME

Clay Brown

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
An asterisk (*) marks when those who are able will please stand.
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Leader: For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm,

People: To give you a future with hope.

Leader: Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

People: When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart.

Leader: Let us worship God! Let us pray...

***HYMN #728: “God of the Ages”**

NATIONAL HYMN

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Tyler Domske

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. **We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. We pray through Christ our Redeemer; Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

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***GLORIA PATRI #734**

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

