





## **DAILY DEVOTIONAL**YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW

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ROMANS 7:4 NJB 4 In the same way you, my brothers, through the body of Christ have become dead to the Law and so you are able to belong to someone else, that is, to him who was raised from the dead to make us live fruitfully for God.

You are not under the (Old Covenant) Law as a way of being right with God.

Just as a wife whose husband has died is no longer in that marriage after her husband dies, we are no longer in a relationship with the Law for the purpose of being right with God.

ROMANS 7:1-2 NLT 1 Now, dear brothers and sisters -- you who are familiar with the law -- don't you know that the law applies only while a person is living? 2 For example, when a woman marries, the law binds her to her husband as long as he is alive. But if he dies, the laws of marriage no longer apply to her.

The Law is still good.

For example, it is still wrong to steal and murder or to commit any crime.

We don't do right things in order to be right with God. Instead we do them BECAUSE we are already right with God by being joined with Jesus Christ.

Now it is His life in us that causes us to live right. We do not live right in order to get God's approval. Instead we were given God's love and acceptance as a gift (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:17). Because of our union with Christ Jesus, we can manifest God's will naturally from our new heart (Romans 5:5).

We have new life in us -- His life -- which causes us to act differently.

GALATIANS 5:18 GWN 18 If your spiritual nature is your guide, you are not subject to Moses'
laws.

ROMANS 3:20 NLT 20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands.

The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

GALATIANS 2:16 NLT 16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus ing the Law in order to be in good standing with God, AMEN.





Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law."

ROMANS 6:14-15 NLT 14 Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace. 15 Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not!

COLOSSIANS 3:3 NLT 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

GALATIANS 2:19-20 GWN 19 When I tried to obey the law's standards, those laws killed me. As a result, I live in a relationship with God. I have been crucified with Christ. 20 I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live I live by believing in God's Son, who loved me and took the punishment for my sins.

PRAYER: I died with Christ, so I am free from the demands of keeing the Law in order to be in good standing with God, AMEN.