THE NEW WAY OF THE SPIRIT

Romans 7:1–25

Key Verse: 7:6

1. Who is Paul addressing, and what general legal principle does he mention? (1) What illustration does he use? (2,3) How does he apply this to us? (4)
2. What does “died to the law” mean? Why does it happen only “through the body of Christ”? (Col1:22) What does it mean to believe that we now “belong to” him?
3. Why does Paul emphasize again that Christ “has been raised from the dead,” and how does this faith enable us to “bear fruit for God”? (4b; cf. 6:4)
4. How does Paul describe our life before Christ, and what does this show us? (5; 8:3a) Read verse 6. Now that we are “released from the law,” what does it mean to “serve in the new way of the Spirit,” and why is this so important? (2:29; 13:8–10; see also 2Co3:6,17; Gal5:1,13,14,22; 6:2)
5. Though in Christ we have died to it, how and why does Paul still defend the law? (7–13) What lessons should we learn from Paul’s own struggle? (14–25)