



Sunecho

Romans 7:1— **Know you not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?**

Romans 3:9-17—What then? are we better than they [Gentiles]? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known.

1 Timothy 1:15— This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am **chief**.

Romans 7:2— **For the woman who has a husband [old man; flesh] is bound by the law to *her* husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies [599-to die], she is released from the law of *her* husband.**

1 Corinthians 15:31—I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily**.

Luke 9:23— And he said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily**, and follow Me.

Hebrews 3:13— **But exhort one another daily**, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Romans 7:3—**So then if, while *her* husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies [599-to die], she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.**

Romans 7:4— **Therefore, my brethren, you [old man; flesh] also have become dead [2289- to put to death; by death liberated; to be made dead in relation to] to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead,[3498-without life; deceased] that we should bear fruit to God.**

Know—1097 ginoskw ginosko {ghin-
oce'-ko}

1) to learn to know, come to know, get
a knowledge of perceive, feel 1a) to
become known

2) to know, understand, perceive, have
knowledge of

2a) to understand 2b) to know

Chief—4413 protov protos {pro'-tos}

1) first in time or place

1a) in any succession of things or
persons

2) first in rank

2a) influence, honour

2b) chief

2c) principal

3) first, at the first



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Sunecho—4912 sunecw sunecho
{soon-ekh'-o}

2) to hold together with constraint,
to compress

2b) to press on every side

2b1) of a besieged city

2b2) of a strait, that forces a ship
into a narrow channel

2b3) of a cattle squeeze, that
pushing in on each side, forcing the
beast into a position where it cannot
move so the farmer can administer
medication

3) to hold completely

3a) to hold fast

3a1) of a prisoner

3b) metaph.

3b1) to be held by, closely
occupied with any business

3b2) in teaching the word

3b5) to urge, impel

2 Corinthians 5:14— For the love of Christ **constrains** us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead [all died, NKJV].

Luke 8:45— And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude **throng** You and press You, and You say, Who touched Me?

Luke 19:43— For the days shall come upon you, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about you, and compass you round, and **keep** you **in** on every side,

Acts 18:5— And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was **pressed** in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Luke 7:47—Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she **loved much**. But to whom little is forgiven, the same **loves little**.

In summary—Romans 7:1-4

The law demands the death of the sinner [first husband/flesh]. Christ met that demand for all. When we see and accept Christ's death as ours we are free from the first husband/flesh (righteousness by works) and can be married to our new husband, Christ (righteousness by faith). This new marriage brings forth fruit (righteousness/obedience) to God rather than to ourselves. The fruit of righteousness by works is selfishness (i.e. saving ourselves; earning heaven; creature merit). The fruit of righteousness by faith is selflessness (i.e. focusing on Jesus; filled with His Spirit; self-renunciation). The love of God constrains (sunecho) us, it keep us in, presses us close to Him so that we can receive the remedy for rebellion and choose to turn from the way of sin. The more we realize and acknowledge our wretchedness the deeper our appreciation of God's love for us individually and for the world at large.

4) Is your Christian experience stronger when you rely upon Christ?

5) What life decisions can you make to place your dependence more fully on Jesus?