

Broken world. Bright hope!

This broken world and the end of compliance

Romans 7:1–12

Introduction

1. Our old marriage is over... our new marriage has begun

... the dead marriage

... the new marriage

... the rotten marriage

... the beautiful marriage

Vs 3 – 4 ‘she will be called an adulteress if she is joined to ... but if her husband dies she is free from that law and if she is joined to another man’
and then in verse 4 ‘you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may be joined to another.’

2. The failure was all ours...

Cranfield: Paul is using the first person in a general sense, and refers to man’s situation before the giving of the law, along with which Paul probably has in mind the state of man pictured in Genesis 1:28ff

Conclusion

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- Why would it be good (in the present) for the City if the whole City were to follow Jesus?
- Why is a relationship with Jesus so good for us both now and in the future?

Next week: This broken world and my wretched failure,
Romans 7:13–25, William Taylor.