

## Session #24: “THE PROBLEM OF SIN” -- Romans 7:15-25

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

### Questions:

- When we come to the Lord as believers, do we no longer have a sin nature? Do you ever find yourselves moving toward carnality? Do you have “up days” every day?
- Can you name four laws that are operating in every believer’s life? Hint, the first is the law of FLESH. What’s wrong with self-esteem?
- With regard to the deliverance we need, do you realize your sinful condition?
- “O wretched man that I am! “Who” will deliver me? Do you see it’s who and not how?
- Do you recognize the facts that reveal your need for the Holy Spirit’s power and control!

### THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25

1A. OUR **REALIZATION** OF CERTAIN FACTS - ROMANS 6:1-10 True, believe it or not!

2A. OUR **RESPONSIBILITY** TO THESE FACTS - ROMANS 6:11-23 - Reckon yourself dead to sin; yield our members to obey

#### • 3A. OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAW – ROM. 7 (not under law but under grace!)

“law” - 523 times; 223 in NT, 148 by Paul of which 78 are in Romans - 23 in ch. 7.

1B. The **ILLUSTRATION** of marriage - 7:1-6

2B. The **INSTRUCTION** of the law - 7:7-14

“What shall we say then?”

1C. The law **Removes** our ignorance of sin – 7-8; 2C. The law **Resurrects** our sinful desires - 9

3C. The law **Requires** the penalty of death – 10-11; 4C. The law **Reflects** the character of God

Himself – 12; 5C. The law **Reminds** us of how terrible sin is – 13; 6C. The law **Reveals** our

carnality – 14; 7C. The law **Reinforces** our need of a Savior

Read the text!!

#### • 3B. The IMPOSSIBILITY of keeping the law - 7:15-25 - The struggle of the Christian life! This passage is brutally honest! We will be looking at four things:

✓ 1C. The Difficulty we have - 15, 18b-19; 2C. The Decision we face - 16-18a; 3C. The Discovery we make - 20-23; 4C. The Deliverance we need - 7:24-25

✓ 1C. The Difficulty we have – when we come to the Lord, we still have a sin nature - 15, 18b-19  
*Rom 7:15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not **practice**; but **what I hate, that I do.***

*Rom 7:18 For I know that **in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.***

*Rom 7:19 **For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.***

1D. Our practice does not reveal our values – 15 - “*what I hate, that I do*” - v. 19 - “*For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice*” From time to time we can move quickly from being in the Spirit to being carnal!

2D. Our performance does not reveal our desires – 18 - “*for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good, I do not find*”

Rom 7:16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that **it is good**.

Rom 7:17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but **sin that dwells in me**.

Rom 7:18a For I know that **in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells**;

✓ 2C. **The Decision we face** - 16-18a

1D. The **principle of the law is validated** – 16 “it is good” cf. 12, 14; Ecc. 7:20 All sin!

2D. The **presence of sin is real** - v. 17 - “sin that dwells in me” - cf. Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 64:6

3D. The **power of the flesh is helpless** - 18a - “in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells”

**What do you do when you’re alone?** cf. Job 14:4; 15:14-16; 25:4-6 - cf. Rom. 2:10-12

✓ 3C. The **Discovery we make** - 20-23

Rom 7:20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

Rom 7:21 I find then **a law**, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

Rom 7:22 For **I delight** in the **law of God** according to the inward man.

Rom 7:23 But I see another **law in my members, warring against the law of my mind**, and **bringing me into captivity** (bondage) **to the law of sin which is in my members**.

(There are four laws operating in every believer’s life)

1D. **The law of the FLESH (members) – 7:23a**

1E. **It battles my mind** (all the time!) - 23a - “warring against the law of my mind” cf. Gal. 5:17; 1 Pet. 2:11 **There is a war going on in us!**

2E. **It brings me into bondage to sin** - 23b - “bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members” - cf. 2 Tim. 2:25-26 - Bitterness is a good example!

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; **for to will is present with me**, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

Rom 7:19 **For the good that I will to do**, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

2D. The **law of the MIND** (of believers) - 7:23b

1E. **It desires to do good** – 18 - “for to will is present with me” 19a - “for the good that I will to do” We really do want to do good, don’t we? Be sure it is “good” in God’s eyes!

2E. **It delights in the law of God** – 22 - cf. Ps. 1:1-2; 19:8-10; 40:8; 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 97, 174

3D. The **law of GOD** - 7:22

1E. It is **perfect** - Rom. 7:12, 14 cf. Psalm 19:7-10; 119:137-138, 140

2E. It is **purposeful** - Psalm 19:11; 119:104, 105, 130

3E. It is **powerful** - Psalm 119:9-11, 50, 92

4D. The **law of SIN** – 7:21

1E. **It dwells in the believer** - 17, 20, 21, 23

2E. **It dominates the believer** – 23 - “bringing me into captivity” - cf. 6:12; 7:11

Rom 7:24 **O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me** from this body of death?

Rom 7:25 **I thank God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.**

✓ 4C. **The Deliverance we need** - 7:24-25 This intimates the victory that lies ahead in Chapter 8!66

1D. **Realize your sinful condition** - One of the **greatest traps** of the Devil **is to make you think you’re better than you really are**. - “O wretched man that I am!” - cf. Psalm 32:3-5; 38:3-10

2D. **Respond to the only One who can help you, our Savior, from sin** - “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” **It’s not a process, “how to”, but “Who to”!** Oh, God help me! **Deliver me! Set me free!**

Psalm 107:15-16; 116:16-17; 130:1-8

3D. **Recognize the facts that reveal your need for the Holy Spirit’s power and control!** “So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God: but with the flesh the law of sin”

Luke 6:10-11; Romans 8:2