

ROMANS 27 – 7:14-25

The Battle With Sin In You

1. 7:12-14

- a. *“the law is spiritual”* - there is nothing to fear of it - Rom 8:15, 2 Tim 1:7
- b. It condemns sinners, but who are you now? – Rom 5:19, 2 Cor 5:21
- c. We use the law lawfully to show sin, but we cannot use it to serve God.
- d. Paul speaks experientially, trying to serve the law in the flesh – Rom 7:5-6
- e. *“but I am carnal”* – flesh, not spiritual, the old man. The law is not the problem.
- f. *“sold under sin”* – The difference of the penalty, power, and presence of sin

2. 7:15-16

- a. *“that which I do, I allow not”* - What he does, he doesn't permit himself to do (law)
- b. *“for what I would, that do I not”* – he wants to do good, but he doesn't
- c. *“but what I hate, that do I”* – Instead, he hates that he still sins.
- d. The experience of a saved man dwelling in corruptible flesh
- e. *“I consent unto the law”* – The law is good, I join the law in condemning myself.

3. 7:17-20

- a. *“no more I that do it”* - Paul explains the difference the separation (sanctification):
 - i. our will and power; old and new man; flesh and mind; sight and faith
- b. Sin is present in us, we cannot deny it, eradicate it, dismiss it, be ignorant of it.
- c. *“in me”* – in me, who? There is now a dichotomy, a different identity - 2 Cor 5:21
- d. *“dwelleth no good thing”* – the old man is religious, but the just shall live by faith
- e. The issue is performance and he concludes that we can't do it if we wanted to
- f. Walking after the flesh to keep the law will end in no good thing out of you
- g. James had a way to do the law (Eze 36:27) - James 1:8, 1:16, 2:9-10, 3:11-12, 4:17
- h. We see what to perform, we see a will to perform, we do not see how to perform

4. 7:21-25

- a. *“I see a law”* – this is not the Mosaic Law. There is more than one “law”.
- b. *“when you would do good”* – He thought now he was saved he could do it Gal 3:2-3
- c. *“evil is present”* – It is important to identify the enemy, and he is in you.
- d. *“I delight in the law of God”* – This is a saved man talking, not without fear of God.
- e. *“inward man”* – This man is weak in us - Eph 3:16, Col 1:9-10, 2 Cor 4:16
- f. There is a war in us, the flesh wins every time because of 1 Cor 15:56
- g. The reason you are depressed and condemned is because you do it on your own
- h. We do not fight with our flesh – 2 Cor 10:3-4, 1 Tim 6:12, 1 Cor 10:13,
- i. We fight with the strength of Christ in us by the Spirit - Eph 6:10-17
- j. Righteousness / sanctification does not come by the law – Gal 2:20-21
- k. When your inner man is weak, God can be strong in you by faith – 2 Cor 12:9