

WHO will Set Me FREE? ~ Romans 7:14-25

→Scripture Reading Romans 6:14-15, 7:4, 7:12, 14

INTRODUCTION

^{7:7} What shall we say, then? Is the LAW sin? **Certainly NOT...**

^{7:7} ...Indeed I would not have KNOWN what SIN WAS except through the LAW.

The Law is GOOD because it Shows us...

- how HORRIBLE sin really is ^{7:13}
- that we NEED a Savior ^{7:4}
- that we CANNOT live Christian Life by Law ^{7:6}

^{7:6} But now we have been RELEASED from the LAW, for we DIED to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the LETTER of the LAW, but in the NEW WAY of living IN the Spirit. (NLT)

Why do I DO what I HATE? ~ Romans 7:14-20

¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

Indwelling sin continues to seek to claim what IT considers ITS property even after one has become a Christian. BKC

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

We must not Search for **victory in SELF**, where it CANNOT be found. MacDonald

¹⁸ I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing.

Even after conversion, there is **no part of a person that is sinless**, no place without sin's presence...
The only **good** in a believer is the presence of the Holy Spirit. HCSB

²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

IMPLICATIONS

→Being **SAVED** takes a moment of Faith - becoming **LIKE Jesus** takes a lifetime

^{1:17} For in the gospel a righteousness FROM God is revealed, a righteousness that is BY faith from FIRST to LAST, just as it is written: The righteous will live BY faith.

Justification- saved by grace through FAITH

^{5:1} Therefore, since we have been **JUSTIFIED through faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Sanctification- growing in our Dependence and Trust in Jesus

^{6:13} Do NOT let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an INSTRUMENT to do what is right for the glory of God. (NLT)

➔What is POSITIONALLY True for a Believer - is not Always PRACTICALLY True

Positionally- I am born again, perfect and holy in God's eyes

Practically- I am Growing and becoming more Like Jesus each day

Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV) So I say, live BY the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷ For the Sinful Nature desires what is contrary to the SPIRIT, and the Spirit what is contrary to the Sinful Nature. They are in CONFLICT with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are LED by the Spirit, you are NOT under Law.

I am a WRETCHED Man ~ Romans 7:21-25

²¹ So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

Sin will keep knocking at our door as long as we live in this broken, rebellious, twisted world. BKC

²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

21- **LAW** = a Principle

22- **LAW** = God's Law

23- **LAW of my mind** = God's Law

23- **another LAW** = opposition to God's Law

23- **LAW of sin** = opposed to God's Law

²¹ I have discovered this principle of life - that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God's law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at WAR with MY MIND. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. (NLT)

²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

TAKE AWAY ??

Ephesians 2:14-15 (NLT) For Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He UNITED Jews and Gentiles into ONE people when, in His own body on the cross, He BROKE DOWN the wall of hostility that separated us.

➔Image of Temple

¹⁵ He did this by ENDING the system of LAW with its COMMANDMENTS and REGULATIONS. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in Himself ONE new people from the two groups.