

Text: Romans 7

Subject: Sin that dwells in me

THE STRUGGLE WITH SIN

1. It is a universal problem
2. It is also a very personal problem

¹³ Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. 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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

Romans 7:13-19

1. The nature of Sin
 - a) It can produce death
 - b) It can through what is good
 - c) It is exceedingly sinful
2. The Nature of the Law
 - a) It is spiritual
 - b) It is good
3. The Nature of Man

- a) Man is carnal
- b) He is sold under sin
- c) He is conflicted
 - i) He does not understand himself
 - ii) His will is weak
 - iii) He practises what he hates

4. The presence of Sin and its deadly influence

- a) Sin dwells in Man
- b) Nothing good is found in the flesh
- c) To will is present, but the strength is absent
- d) The desire to do good is there, but the ability to do good is not there
- e) He ends up doing that which he does not want

THE CHALLENGES ARE MANY

1. To understand this Biblical analysis

- a) Of Sin
- b) Of Man

2. To accept this Word from the Scriptures

- a) It is hard to accept these statements
- b) We like to think of ourselves as very strong
- c) It is hard to be so deeply humbled

THE NECESSITY

1. To find grace and strength from God

2. To apply God's grace against the problem of Sin in our life

3. It will take a lot to defeat Sin

- a) The help of the Lord through the Holy Spirit
- b) The word of God
- c) Great perseverance
- d) True humility