
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.*

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.*

Rom. 7:21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

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.*

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.*

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Dealing with Sin: Humility

The Battle with Sin—part 2

Romans 7

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No one can be justified by good works (7:1-6)

*Romans 7:1 Do you not know, brothers--for I am speaking to men who know the law--that the **law has authority** over a man **only as long as he lives?***

⁴ *Likewise, my brethren, **you have died to the law** through the body of Christ, ...*

² *Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband as long as he lives; ...But if her husband dies she is free from that law; ...if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴ Likewise, my brethren, **you have died to the law** through the body of Christ, so that you may **belong to another**, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God.*

⁶ *But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.*

Why is the battle with sin is so hard? (7:7-13)

- The fact of sin.

Romans 7:7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet."

- The occasion of sin.

⁸ *But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead.*

- The power of sin.

⁹ *Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died.*

- The effect of sin.

Romans 7:10 I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.

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- The deceitfulness of sin.

¹¹ *For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, **deceived me**, and through the commandment put me to death.*

- The sinfulness of sin.

¹² *So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.*

¹³ *Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! But in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it produced death in me through what was good, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.*

The battle with sin! (7:14-25)

Romans 7:14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

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.*

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.*
