



The Struggle Within

Romans 7:14-25

I. The Unbeliever (Life Without Christ)

- A. The language of “_____ to sin” (Rom. 7:14; Rom. 6:17-18; 22)
- B. The _____ of the “I” (Rom. 7:18-19, 24; Eph. 3:16; Rom. 6:2, 6, 7, 11, 17)
- C. The contrast with Romans 8 (Rom. 7:24; 8:1, 2)
- D. The Law’s _____ (Rom. 7:5, 8, 11)
- E. Historical support

II. The Immature Believer (Life in the Flesh, Not in the Spirit)

- A. The “_____ Christian” reading (Rom. 7:18, 14, 1 Cor. 3:1-3)
- B. The _____ experience (Rom. 7:22-23)
- C. The contrast with Romans 8 (Rom. 7:18, 19, 22-23)
- D. _____ in sanctification (Gal. 5:16)
- E. Historical support

III. The Mature Believer (Life in Christ, But Still Struggling with Sin)

- A. The _____ tense argument (Rom. 7:14-25)
- B. The _____ of indwelling sin (Rom. 7:17; Gal. 5:17; Rom. 6:14; 1 Jn. 1:8)
- C. The _____ to obey (Rom. 7:18, 22, 24-25; 8:7)
- D. The _____ Christian experience (Rom. 7:19; Gal. 5:16-17; Rom. 8:13)
- E. Historical support

TAKE HOME:

- Where in your life do you feel stuck in the _____ with sin, and what would it look like to cry out to Jesus for help today?
- Are you trying to live the Christian life in your _____ strength, or are you daily depending on the Holy Spirit for victory?
- How can you _____ someone else this week who feels defeated, reminding them that our hope and deliverance are found in Christ alone?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Where do you find yourself returning to old patterns of sin, and how does Proverbs 26:11 challenge your perspective on those habits?
2. Are you relying on your own strength to overcome sin, or are you daily seeking the Spirit's power? (Galatians 5:16)
3. Do you truly delight in God's law, or do you find yourself resisting His commands? (Romans 7:22)
4. When you feel defeated by sin, do you remember that there is no condemnation for those in Christ? (Romans 8:1)
5. How does the ongoing struggle with sin remind you of your need for Christ's deliverance? (Romans 7:24-25)
6. Are you growing in sanctification, or are you stalled in spiritual immaturity? (Galatians 5:16-17)
7. How does the reality of indwelling sin keep you humble and dependent on God's grace? (1 John 1:8)
8. Are you pressing forward in faith, trusting that the Holy Spirit will help you put to death the deeds of the body? (Romans 8:13)
9. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently based on what you learned from this passage?

"For every look we take at ourselves, we should take ten looks at Christ."

- Robert Murray McCheyne