Paul’s Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God

“The Real Enemy”

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Romans 7:11-12

A. In some respects, it is impossible to escape the _______________ of our _______.
B. “For the wages of sin is ________, but the gift of God is __________ ________ in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 6:23, 2 Cor. 5:19)
C. For sin to be dealt with appropriately, it must be _______________ and brought under the __________ of Jesus Christ.
D. In 1973, the famous psychiatrist, Dr. Karl Menninger wrote a book titled, “Whatever Became of ________?”
E. We may have stopped __________ about sin and __________ it sin, but we haven’t stopped ________
F. Ultimately, we have turned away from the concept of sin, because we have turned away from the concept of ______ and God’s ________ law.
G. Last week, we examined Paul’s explanation and illustration of the fact that we are no longer _______ the law of __________.
H. In today’s section, Paul wants us to understand that the real enemy isn’t the _____, but is ________.
I. Paul explains that the real battle we face is with sin and is in the weakness of our ________, and that it is a battle that will continue even after we come to ________.
J. Paul then chose one of the Ten Commandments to illustrate his point - “Do not __________.”
K. Our sinful human _______ is pictured as a powerful enemy who takes God’s holy law and uses it as a __________ base from which it launches attacks that leads to sin.
L. Notice the weapon that our real enemy uses against us: it is __________.
M. If we don’t learn anything else, I hope we learn this truth: Sin __________.
N. There’s a fascination and allure in what is __________.
O. The law is ________ - just like the One who gave it is ________.
P. The law is ________ - it makes no unfair demands, and the punishment it prescribes is __________.
Q. The law is ________ - it has our welfare as its aim, not our harm.
R. So there’s nothing wrong with God’s ________, rather the fault lies with ________.
S. As the cartoon strip Pogo said, “We have met the ________ and he is ________.”
T. Our victory begins by knowing our __________.
U. We are all __________ who deserve God’s ________.
V. In order for any of us to be saved, we must recognize our _______ and cast ourselves upon God’s ________ and grace.