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

“Our Ongoing Struggle”

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Romans 7:21-25

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A. No matter how long we are Christians, ______ is trying to __________ our life and take over.

B. The passage we are exploring today from Romans is one of the most ___________ passages, but also one of the most ____________.
   1. Paul was describing his life as a _______ under the _________ law.
   2. Paul was describing his experience as an ______________ Christian.
   3. Paul was describing his experience as a ____________ Christian.

C. Three Observations:
   1. Romans 7 ________ us, because we ___________ what it is saying.
   2. Romans 7 seems to tell about the Christian life as we __________ it.
   3. There is no _________ from Romans 7 in the Christian life.

D. A good word to describe what Paul describes in Rom. 7:14-25 is ________.
   1. Alternate words: _____________ or __________.

E. Why is there a struggle inside every believer? 2 words: __________ __________.

F. The first aspect of our ongoing struggle is: The struggle to ________ up to what we know we __________ to be (7:15-17).
   1. Paul’s confession: “I do no understand _______ I am _________.
   2. A conclusion: ____________ and _________ are two different things.

G. The second aspect of our ongoing struggle is: The struggle to come to grips with ________ personal ________(7:18-20).
   1. The closer we come to God, the less we _______ and the more of a _______ we will realize ourselves to be.
   2. The first step to _________ is to admit you are ________.

H. The third aspect of our ongoing struggle is: The struggle to admit the true nature of the _______ _________ (7:21-24).
   1. Evil is not only _______ us, it is also _________ ______ inside of us and sometimes traps us as a _________.
   2. The Christian life is a series of ongoing __________.

I. Three things that will help us: (7:25)
   1. _____________. 2. _____________. 3. _____________

J. _____________ is the promise of 1 John 1:9.

K. _____________ is the promise of Hebrews 4:15-16.