

Winning the Battle Within

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Romans 7:14-25

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So, why do we keep on sinning?

Two erroneous approaches to dealing with the sin within:

Chapter 6 **Antinomianism** - Live as if there is no law because grace covers it all.

Chapter 7 **Legalism** - Do the best that you can do and that is what will get you through.

- 1) Understand the law's **purview** (chapter 6:1-6)
 - a) The law lost jurisdiction when **I died to my old mate.**
 - b) The law lost jurisdiction when **I was married to Christ**
- 2) Understand the law's purpose (chapter 6:7-13)
 - a) The law **reveals** sin (verse 7)
 - b) The law **promotes** sin (verses 8-9)
 - c) The law **kills** the sinner (verses 10-11)
 - d) The law **magnifies** the sin (verses 12-13)
- 3) Understand the law's powerlessness (chapter 7:14-21)
 - a) The law cannot **change you** (verse 14)
 - b) The law cannot **empower you** (verse 15-20)
 - i) Romans 6: How can I ever **stop doing bad?**
 - ii) Romans 7: How can I ever **do anything good?**
 - c) The law cannot set you free? (verse 21-25)
 - i) The law can't help me **do what is good.**
 - ii) The law cannot prevent me from **doing what is bad.**
 - iii) The law never **commends.**
 - iv) The law always **condemns.**

Oh wretched man that I am! Who can help me?

Jesus **already did!**