

The Believer and The Enemy Within

Text: Romans 7:14-25

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A. The Personal Nature of the War Within

1. The Christian Life is personal

Matthew 16:13-17, John 20:17, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 6:10-13

2. The Christian Life is often a mystery to us

Rom. 7:15-16, John 13:5-7, Job 38:1-4, Rom. 7:14-25

B. The Enemy Within Defined: indwelling sin

Rom. 7:17, Rom. 7:20, Eph. 2:1-3, Rom. 7:5, Rom. 7:24-25

C. The Enemy's Government: the law of sin

Rom. 7:22-23, Rom. 7:25

1. The law of sin never produces good

- God's law: Rom. 7:12

- Law of sin: Rom. 7:13, James 1:13-15

2. The law of sin is never eradicated in this life

Rom. 7:21-23, Gal. 5:17

3. The law of sin exploits the weakness of our flesh

Rom. 7:24-25, Luke 4:13