

Indwelling Sin, pt 1

Romans 7:14–25 **14** For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. **15** For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. **16** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. **17** So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **21** So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, **23** but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. **24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

1. Indwelling Sin Does What We Hate 14-17

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A. My Flesh Sold Under Sin 14

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

B. I Do What I Hate 15

15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

C. No Longer I but Sin 16-17

16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. **17** So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

2. Indwelling Sin Undermines Good Desires 18-20

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

A. My Flesh Drawn to Sin 18a

18a For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.

B. I Can't Do What I Want 18-19

18b For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

C. No Longer I but Sin 20

20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

3. Indwelling Sin Wages War 21-23

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

A. Sin Stays Close 21

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

B. Flesh Wars Against My Heart 22-23

22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind

C. Captive to Indwelling Sin 23b

23b and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

4. Indwelling Sin Drives us to Christ 24-25

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

A. Wretched Am I 24

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

B. Blessed is Christ 22-23

25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.