

Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008**Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God****Mark Observations****Record Observations & Questions****Romans 7:13-25**

13 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me?

By no means!

It was sin, producing death in me through what is good,
in order that sin might be shown to be sin,
and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

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. (ESV)

Introduction

This section will help us answer the question. . .

How do we do what is good?

or

How do we stop doing what is evil?



Talk about it

Review

The believer has died to the Law (7:1-6), when we try to live by the Law, sin turns our spiritual lives into death (7:7-12).



Think about it

Justification: How It Affects Me 6:1-8:39

Believer and Sin 6:1-23

Believer and the Law 7:1-25

The believer's relationship to the Law is that he is free from it and its domination.¹

Group # 1 Romans 7:15-17

1. Statement 7:15a

2. Proof 7:15b-16

3. Conclusion 7:17

Group #2 Romans 7:18-20

1. Statement 7:18a

2. Proof 7:18b-19

3. Conclusion 7:20

Group #3 Romans 7:21-25

1. Statement: Reality of the conflict 7:21

2. Proof: Description of the conflict 7:22-23

3. Conclusion: Victory over the conflict 7:24-25



Act on it

How should the truth that by your will, you are incapable of obeying God, change the way you approach your spiritual life?

¹ Dr. Harold W. Hoehner's outline (DTS, Spring 1991, Exegesis of Romans 206, unpublished class notes)