

Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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"Prisoner to the Law of Sin" Romans 7:13-25



Introduction:

Of whom is Paul speaking? Who is the "I" in this passage?

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¹³Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.

I. I'M A MISERABLE SINNER (vs. 14-17)

A. Statement (vs. 14)

"For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin."

B. Proof (vs. 15)

"For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate."

C. Conclusion (vs. 16-17)

"But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good."

"So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me."

II. I CAN'T SEEM TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT (vs. 18-21)

A. Statement (vs. 18a)

"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh;"

B. Proof (vs. 18b-19)

"for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.:"

"For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want."

C. Conclusion (vs. 20)

“But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.”

III. BUT GOD GIVES ME THE GRACE TO DO IT (vs. 21-25)

A. Statement (vs. 21-22)

“I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.”

“For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,”

B. Proof (vs. 23)

“but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind”

“and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.”

C. Conclusion (vs. 24-25)

“Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?”

“Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

“So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.”

Conclusion:

John Newton's gravestone inscription...

John Newton, Clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had long labored to destroy.