

Romans

Romans 7:14-25

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In chapters five and six, Paul taught us we have been declared righteous (justified) and identified with Jesus in His death, resurrection, and power. Some might assume on the basis of those truths a Christian would automatically live a sinless life. In chapter seven, Paul explains why this is not the case.

The truth regarding GOD'S LAW V.14a

- It is "SPIRITUAL." It deals with the "heart" and actions.
- It is powerless to make us HOLY.

The truth regarding our OLD NATURE Vv.14b-20

- It is not ERADICATED at salvation.
- The law PROVOKES the old nature because we know we are powerless to keep it.

The truth regarding our NEW NATURE Vv.21-23

- It "DELIGHTS" in God's truth.
- It is always "AT WAR" with the old nature.

The truth regarding our VICTORY Vv.24-25

- Fighting this battle in our strength is EXHAUSTING ("wretched").
- Only Jesus gives us POWER and POSITION to defeat our old nature.
- Our victory over our sin nature is found not in STRIVING but in TRUSTING.