



Romans 7:21-25

The Battle With Indwelling Sin (Part 2)

I. Introduction: Paul explained that he constantly battled indwelling sin because the flesh was at war within him, and he longed for the day God would deliver him forever.

II. The Battle With Indwelling Sin (Rom 7:21-25).

A. Paul's Discovery (v. 21).

1. Paul admitted that the principle of evil was still present in him and was especially evident when he desired to do good and obey God's law.

B. Paul's Delight (v. 22).

1. Paul joyfully agreed with God's law in his inner self, having been changed by God so that his regenerate heart loved and embraced it.

C. Paul's Dilemma (v. 23).

1. Paul proclaimed that the principle of sin still operated in the members of his body, waging war against his mind's desire to obey God's law.

D. Paul's Deliverance (vv. 24-25).

1. Paul proclaimed that he was a wretched man who wanted to be rescued from his flesh and looked forward to the day he would finally be delivered.

III. Conclusion: Paul explained that even though he was a new man battling indwelling sin, he hoped that Jesus would deliver him from sin's presence forever.



Questions About: The Battle With Indwelling Sin

1. How does Romans 7 help us correct certain popular unbiblical ideas? (**Rom 7:1-25**) How do we know Paul is speaking about his own experience? Why is this chapter important?
2. What is Paul's principle that he discovered about evil? (**Rom 7:21**) How is evil close at hand when we try to do good? (**v. 21; Gen 4:7**) Do you find this to be true in your own life?
3. What did Paul think of God's law? (**Rom 7:22**) How does delighting in God's law indicate genuine faith? (**v. 22; Psa 1:2**) Do you joyfully agree with God's law? Why or why not?
4. What is the inner man that Paul speaks of here? (**Rom 7:22**) How did Paul's deepest spiritual desires flow from his regenerated heart? (**2 Cor 4:16; Eph 3:16**) Why is this important?
5. How was Paul engaged in a war with sin? (**Rom 7:23**) How was indwelling sin constantly mounting a military campaign against him and taking him prisoner? (**v. 23; Eph 6:10-17**)
6. Why are Christians at war with the flesh? (**Rom 7:23; Eph 6:10-17**) Where does the primary battle occur in this conflict? (**v. 23; 2 Cor 10:3**) How do we fight this battle? (**Rom 12:1-2**)
7. What did Paul conclude about his own personal condition? (**Rom 7:24-25**) How does this fly in the face of contemporary thinking? How was his lament about repentance? (**Prov 28:13**)
8. How did Paul cry out to God for deliverance? (**Rom 7:24-25**) How does Romans 8 answer this question? (**Rom 8:23**) Who can offer deliverance from sin? Have you been delivered?

Prayer

1. Thank God that through Jesus Christ He has delivered you from sin's penalty and power.
2. Ask God to give you the power to overcome the sin in your life and to repent of it.