

Journeying Through the Book of Romans

Season 4: The Struggle Between Flesh and Spirit

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Scripture

- **Romans 7:12-13-25**

So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Therefore, 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. For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. 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. 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. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; 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. 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. 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, 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. 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.

Other Scriptures

- Matthew 1:21
- Matthew 26:41
- Revelation 2:7, 3:21; 22:12
- Luke 6:32-35
- Revelation 22:12

Main Points

- What God has called us to do is to overcome!
- Loving Jesus involves repentance of sin!

Discussion Questions

1. What did Rabbi mean when he said, “stolen fruit is sweet”. How does the Law provoke this in us?
2. How does this prepare us for the need of a Savior?
3. In a sentence, what is the struggle between the flesh and the Spirit?
4. What is the answer to this struggle?
5. Where is victory found?