

Victory in Jesus

Romans 7:15-23

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

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¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but cannot carry it out.

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¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

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²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law;

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**²³ but I see another law at work in me,
waging war against the law of my mind
and making me a prisoner of the law of
sin at work within me.**

How to Read Scripture

- 1) The Bible must be our authority.
- 2) We must read the Bible in context.
- 3) If we accept the Bible as our authority, but read it out of context, we might inadvertently and adamantly believe something incorrect.

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Amos 4:4: “Go to Bethel and sin; go to Gilgal and sin yet more ...”

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What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law.

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For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”⁸ But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.

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⁹ Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. ¹⁰ I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.

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¹¹ For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. ¹² So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

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¹³ Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

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¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

(6:6-7) “For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.”

(8:8-9) Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

1) We need help. There is a
Rescuer.

2) We don't have to live as slaves to sin. (By our sinful nature)

3) The opposite of living by the
Sinful Nature is Living by the
Spirit.

4) Paul specifically describes someone who wants to be righteous, but has not surrendered to the Spirit.

5) Many followers of Jesus still
live by the sinful nature
instead of by the Spirit.

(1 Cor. 3:1-3) 3 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly...

6) The solution to conquering the sinful nature is to constantly say “Yes” to the Holy Spirit. We call this Sanctification.

There is progressive growth taking place in every true follower of Jesus. (2 Cor. 3:18) The Holy Spirit will fill us and empower us in greater measure as we surrender to His leading and invite Him to fill us. (Eph. 5:18) The Father always says yes when we pray for a greater measure of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:13)

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the sinful nature.